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Peace
Iraq and Iran, whose eight-year Gulf war ended only last year, faced each other in their first senior sporting contest in 12 years Sunday, in Kuwait.
The match was marked by dramatic goodwill gestures. See Page 19

Support, invest: pleads Aquino

TORONTO, Nov. 6 (AP) — From the pulpit of a Roman Catholic church, Philippine President Corason Aquino asked Filipino expatriates last night to support and pray for the young democracy.

About 2,000 people, mostly Filipinos, waved the red, white and blue flag of the Philippines and the yellow flag of Aquino's political party as the 56-year-old President arrived for mass at St. Michael's Cathedral.

Aquino, dressed in a black business suit, was greeted by chants of "Cory, Cory, Cory."

The mass and her speech to the 1,000 people crammed inside the downtown church was broadcast to people waiting outside, some of whom stood for hours for a fleeting glimpse of Aquino as she stopped momentarily to wave to onlookers before entering the church.

"Are you still one with the Filipino people in the struggle for democracy?" Aquino asked from the pulpit in Tagalog.

"Yes," the throng inside and outside the church replied.

"I was asking our Filipino people here to be one with us in their prayers so that democracy in our country can continue to be strengthened," she then explained in English to the rest of the worshippers. "I hope they will continue to be one with us in spirit and in prayer."

Aquino — the first Philippine President to visit Canada — arrived in Toronto from Vancouver, where her four-day visit began Saturday. She travels to meet Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in Ottawa today where the two leaders will sign several bilateral agreements.

There was no sign of loyalists of dictator Ferdinand Marcos, ousted by Aquino's "people power" revolution in 1986, died in September in exile in Hawaii.

There are between 100,000 and 150,000 Filipinos living in Canada. About 75,000 live in Toronto alone.

In Vancouver, Aquino urged Canadian business leaders to invest in her country as she was greeted by about 1,200 members of the city's more than 20,000-strong Filipino community.

About 30 demonstrators protesting the Philippine military's human rights record also met Aquino as she arrived Saturday at the Vancouver Trade and Convention Centre to address business people.

Weather

CLOUDY weather continues with a chance for some rain and light to moderate south-easterly wind.

State of sea: Moderate.

High water: 4.00 am, 7.00 pm
Low water: 11.00 am, 12.00 pm
Sunset: 6.06 am
Sunrise: 5.38 pm

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Amman: 25°C 77°F
Falkland: 27°C 81°F

Minimum temperatures recorded:
Kuwait: 12°C 54°F
Amman: 19°C 66°F
Falkland: 20°C 68°F

Maximum temperatures expected:
Kuwait: 29°C 84°F
Amman: 26°C 79°F
Falkland: 27°C 81°F

Minimum humidity recorded:
Kuwait: 48 per cent
Amman: 47 per cent
Falkland: 58 per cent

Pakistan allows free import of gold

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 6 (Reuters) — Pakistan said today it had decided in principle to allow gold to be imported freely as part of efforts to end smuggling of the precious metal.

But the cabinet-level Economic Coordination Committee also ruled that such imports, for which no government licence would be required, would have to be routed through the state-run National Bank of Pakistan (NBP).

Up to now Pakistan has allowed only a limited amount of gold in via the NBP to be used to make jewellery destined for export. Most of the rest has been smuggled into the country, mainly from Gulf countries.

Under the new rules, an importer would surrender foreign exchange equal to the current London price of gold, plus six per cent of the cost if the order is placed by local trader and five per cent if the importer is abroad, the official APP news agency quoted a government spokesman as saying.

He said the Finance Ministry would also fix a suitable limit for gold imported as personal effects by overseas Pakistanis.

"The purchasers will make payment in cash foreign exchange or from a free currency account held in Pakistan or abroad," the spokesman was quoted as saying.

He said the cabinet committee expressed hope that gold smuggling would stop as a result of its decision as there would be no major difference between the local and international market price of the metal.

Aoun cronies turn on Sfeir

Kuwait backs Mouawad: Hoss resigns

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Nov. 6 (Agencies) — Christian hardliners turned on their own religious leader during violent night-long protests against the election of Lebanon's new president.

Supporters of Christian Army chief Michel Aoun stormed the residence of Maronite Patriarch Nasrallah Butros Sfeir and forced him to kiss a picture of the general.

Sfeir later sought sanctuary in Syrian-controlled territory outside the Christian enclave, the patriarchate said.

In East Beirut, Aoun followers set up roadblocks of burning tyres and demonstrated until dawn in protest at the election by Parliament of President Rene Mouawad, a pro-Syrian Maronite.

They tore down a portrait of Pope John Paul II behind the patriarch's chair and put a photograph of Aoun in its place.

"The patriarch decided to move to his summer seat at Diman (Syrian-controlled north Lebanon) and stay there until security is restored," the Maronite church said in a statement.

Aoun's supporters called a general strike, shutting down much of East Beirut today.

Aoun defended his militant supporters for turning on Sfeir.

"A people in revolt could do anything," Aoun told France-Info radio, referring to the storming of Sfeir's residence.

The election of the president, at a makeshift Parliament on an airbase in Syrian-controlled north Lebanon yesterday, culminated months of diplomacy by an Arab League committee of Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco.

The next phase of its peace plan envisages constitutional reforms giving Lebanon's majority Muslims greater powers. Two years later 33,000 Syrian troops will start a phased withdrawal.

Aoun says Syrian soldiers should leave Lebanon immediately and allow the Lebanese to carry out the reforms on their own.

In his inaugural speech yesterday Mouawad made a clear appeal to Aoun.

"National reconciliation does not exclude anyone, not even those insisting on excluding themselves," the 64-year-old lawyer said.

"I appeal to all leaders... to be inspired by the national interest and listen to their conscience," said Mouawad, adding that all Lebanese soldiers should be loyal to him as commander.

Aoun, who launched a "war of liberation" in March to expel Syria's troops from Lebanon, vowed not to abandon his crusade.

Despite a flood of international support, Mouawad took office unable to travel to the shell-wrecked presidential palace in the Christian enclave held by Aoun's 15,000 troops.

Parliament was able to meet in quorum for the first time in 13-months when 31 mostly Christian deputies flew in from Paris to join 27 of their mainly Muslim colleagues at the base.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad was the first foreign leader to congratulate Mouawad.

Most Arab and major Western governments threw support behind Mouawad.

Washington welcomed it as the first step towards rebuilding Lebanon. France, a traditional ally of Lebanon's Christians and seen as the Western power closest to Aoun's cause, said the election was an essential step towards restoring the state.

Soviet Union also backed Mouawad and the Lebanon accord.



Headscarf row spreads
A school girl puts back her headscarf as she leaves the Molenbeek Technical Institute in Brussels. The public row over the right to wear Islamic dress which has been raging in France for nearly a month spread to Belgium last week. (Reuters wirephoto) See Page 6

Benazir moves

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 6 (Kuna) — Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto said at Lahore last evening that she was in contact with the moderate leaders of the opposition to form a broad-based government.

Talking to newsmen at Lahore airport prior to her departure for Islamabad, at the conclusion of a day's visit to the city, the prime minister said the policy of confrontation should end so that the country could progress. She said proper work could not be done because of confrontation.

She also disclosed her contacts with the leaders of defunct Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD).

Mustafa Jatoi leader of the opposition said "We do not plan to move another no-confidence motion against the government but we will keep a watch on its actions."

Rajiv invokes unity theme

NEW DELHI, Nov. 6 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi today released the election manifesto of his Congress Party, promising stability and greater power to the people if re-elected.

"A vote for the opposition is a vote for instability," said the 60-page document, issued 16 days before the country begins electing members to the decision-making lower house of Parliament. "A vote for the Congress is a vote of confidence in India."

The release of the manifesto traditionally kicks off the campaign, but Rajiv began addressing election meetings last week. He seconded confidence of victory at today's press conference.

"We will win plenty of seats," he told reporters before leaving on a campaign trip to his Amethi constituency in northern Uttar Pradesh state. He is being challenged by Babbar Singh, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.

Asked what he would do if the Congress Party was defeated, he said: "That situation will not arise."

This month's elections, scheduled for Nov. 22, 24 and 26, come almost five years after Rajiv's party won 415 of the 542 elected seats in the Lok Sabha, the highest number in the electoral history of the world's largest democracy.

But Rajiv's government has been battered by persistent charges of corruption, and a newly energized opposition has mounted a serious challenge.

The usually fractious opposition parties have wide ideological differences but have agreed to put up joint candidates against the Congress Party in at least 412 seats. Political analysts say the division of opposition ballots in previous polls contributed to Congress Party candidates' winning, despite getting less than half the votes cast.

The challenge to Rajiv is led by former defence minister Vishwanath Pratap Singh, whose Janata Dal, has been at the forefront of opposition unity and has campaigned on a plank of removing corruption in government.

Singh has also charged that kickbacks were paid to government and Congress Party officials in at least two arms deals. But there has been no convincing evidence, and Rajiv has denied the charges.

"We have tackled corruption," Rajiv said today. "Our first priority is the unity and integrity of the country."

The manifesto also promised to push through two legislative bills designed to give more financial and administrative powers to village councils. The bills were brought before Parliament last month but failed in the Rajya Sabha, the upper house, because the Congress Party could not muster the two-thirds majority required to amend the constitution.

"I hope the opposition will see the wisdom of accepting these bills after we win the election," Rajiv said.

Rajiv refused to answer questions of the kickback issue, a major poll theme for the opposition.

He also turned aside questions about a militant Hindu bid to start building a shrine at a spot they believe is the birthplace of their deity, Krishna, in the north Indian town of Ayodhya.

"We won't compromise on secularism," Rajiv said. The manifesto appealed to the "patriotic sense" of both communities to maintain peace.

Sony Abraham said: Listing the Rajiv government's achievements in the last five years, the Congress manifesto said India had achieved the highest long-term growth rate since independence. Foodgrains production had attained a new record and all poverty alleviation programmes had been revamped.



Rajiv shows the manifesto. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hindus will fight over temple site

Rajiv refuses to intervene

LUCKNOW, Nov. 6 (Agencies) — Hindu radicals delivered tens of thousands of bricks to a disputed religious site in Uttar Pradesh state today as one of their leaders pledged to fight anybody trying to stop the building of a temple on the land.

Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi rejected a suggestion that he use his sweeping powers to prevent clashes between Hindus and Muslims expected to be sparked by a foundation stone-laying ceremony Thursday in Ayodhya, a Hindu-dominated town of about 150,000 people.

"The home minister is dealing with it, and I am confident he will cope with it," the 45-year-old leader said during a news conference in New Delhi about the release of a manifesto with which his Congress (I) party will seek re-election on Nov. 22, 24 and 26.

Tens of thousands of Hindus are converging on Ayodhya with plans to lay a foundation stone for a temple on the site, which they say is the birthplace of Lord Ram.

On the ground sits a mosque built during the 16th century by the Mughal emperor Babar, and Muslims have rejected calls from the Hindus that they dismantle and shift the structure.

About 300 people have died during the past two weeks in Hindu-Muslim clashes in the neighbouring state of Bihar, and most of the violence has been ignited by prayer ceremonies to consecrate bricks which the Hindu plan to use to build the temple.

Opposition leader Vishwanath Pratap Singh today called for a Hindu-Muslim truce in Bhagalpur.

Police reported more than 167,000 bricks had already arrived in Ayodhya, but said trucks bearing further shipments were en route across north India. They said about 3,000 devotees had ferried the bricks to three locations, and that two of the bricks were made of solid silver.

Secretary-general of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) Hamid Al Ghabed today expressed profound concern over the loss of life in the anti-Muslim riots in India.

■ A bus on a Himachal mountain road skidded and fell 250 feet (75 metres) into a gorge on Sunday, killing 25 passengers, United News of India reported.

DAY BY DAY

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Horowitz, the last romantic, dies

Death saddens music lovers

NEW YORK, Nov. 6 (Agencies) — Music lovers mourned the death of pianist Vladimir Horowitz who wore the mantle of romanticism into the twentieth century and became one of its most brilliant, complex musicians.

"What a blow. What news," said harpist Nina Kellman, when told at her home of Horowitz's death.

After Artur Schnabel died, Horowitz was the last exponent of pianistic romanticism, with its interpretive emphasis on feeling, imagination and the artist's individual personality.

"Nobody sounds like Horowitz," said Robert Berkman, an official of QRS Music Rolls Incorporated in Buffalo, the oldest and largest piano roll company in the world. "He's our last living link with Rachmaninoff and there doesn't seem to be anyone now to wear the mantle."

Yet in an almost anti-romantic twentieth century, Horowitz revealed himself an artist for all seasons, all ages.

It was remarkable hearing Horowitz play.



Horowitz acknowledges applause (file photo) at the Germany awards presentation. (Reuters wirephoto) See Page 13

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Grand Bingo

Mr. Jacinto Fernandes has won the First Full House prize. He will receive KD 100. Game No. 73 continues for the Second and Third Full House prizes.

Thais rescue 2 more from drillship 85 remain missing

BANGKOK, Nov 6, (AP): The Thai navy today rescued two crewmen of a capsized US oil company vessel and divers found four more bodies, but 85 others remained missing, the company said.

Unocal Thailand, a subsidiary of the American company Unocal, said two Thai crewmen from the Seacrest were rescued in the Gulf of Thailand, bringing to six the total number of known survivors from the accident, which occurred during a typhoon on Saturday.

Divers, meanwhile, recovered four bodies from the wheelhouse area of the Seacrest. Two bodies were found by divers combing the capsized 5,373-ton vessel yesterday.

The company today also announced an investigation into

the circumstances that allowed the 362-foot (110-metre) drillship to capsize in the typhoon. Gay's 160-km-per-hour (100-mile-per-hour) winds and high seas.

Thai meteorologists described Gay as the country's worst typhoon in 35 years.

Graydon H. Laughbaum, president of Unocal Thailand, told reporters that the 10-year-old drillship was recertified in March after a comprehensive seaworthiness inspection.

A Unocal press release said a management team had begun a review and investigation of the disaster.

"The group is looking into the accuracy and timeliness of the weather reporting and the action taken by Unocal Thailand and

the Great Eastern Drilling and Services, Inc., the ship's operators, before during and after typhoon Gay hit the area," it said.

Four of the survivors — three Thais and an Indonesian — were airlifted today to this Unocal operations base and emerged looking weak and tired. They were taken by ambulance for physical exams.

Unocal sources said the four were rescued after they had survived 50 hours in the Gulf, equipped only with lifejackets.

Unocal identified one of the dead recovered on Sunday as Andrew Chalmers, a 28-year-old British field engineer. One of the four found today was identified as Kent Nolen, 27, an assistant driller from the United States.

Marcos lackeys rally again

MARILIA, Nov 6, (AP): Supporters of Ferdinand Marcos staged a rally yesterday to protest troops' using tear gas and water cannon a day earlier to disperse demonstrators demanding that the government allow Marcos to be buried in the Philippines.

The pro-Marcos demonstrators also vowed to launch another major anti-government protest.

About 1,500 Marcos supporters gathered at Bonifacio Park to denounce the troops' action outside the national police headquarters, Camp Crame, hours before President Corason Aquino left on Saturday on a North American trip.

About 15,000 Marcos loyalists had received permission for an all-night rally outside the camp Friday following a march from Marcos' home province of Ilocos Norte to demand that his body be brought home.

Ilocos Norte Vice-Governor Rolando Abadilla, leader of the march, said in a statement yesterday, "there is a growing number of concerned citizens who are angered by the reign of hatred, greed and terror."

He said his group seeks "radical, sweeping reforms" to solve price increases, graft and corruption and other problems under Aquino, Abadilla said.

Lankan towns tense after bloody clashes

Residents remain indoors

COLOMBO, Nov 6, (Reuters): Some residents fled and others remained indoors in Sri Lanka's east coast Akkaraipattu town today after rival Tamil rebel groups fought bloody battles yesterday.

"There were no incidents today. But the place is very tense. Some people have fled the area. Others are remaining indoors," said a prominent resident who declined to be identified.

Fighting broke out yesterday when 250 rebels of the dominant Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam group launched an attack by sea and land on two camps of the rival Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front (EPRLF).

Instead, members of a local militia, in military fatigues and carrying guns, were walking the streets freely.

The Tigers claim the private army has been raised by the EPRLF with the help of the Indians to fight them — a charge denied by the EPRLF.

Casualty figures from Sunday's clashes differ. A Tiger official in Colombo said more than 50 EPRLF men and three Tigers were killed in the fighting.

An EPRLF spokesman in Akkaraipattu said his group lost 22 men and 26 Tigers were killed.

Sri Lankan military sources said about 31 EPRLF cadres and 16 Tigers were killed.

Military officials expressed fears that a recurrence of fighting between rival Tamil groups could delay the departure of the remaining 35,000 Indian troops from the island.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne, who is also deputy defence minister, flew to Akkaraipattu yesterday and spoke to local military authorities about tightening security.

The clashes erupted two weeks after Indian troops withdrew from the area under an agreement between New Delhi and Colombo.

Sri Lankan troops have not been deployed following the clashes. The police and the Tamil youths of the Citizens' Volunteer Force, who were due to replace the Indians in maintaining order, have not been seen on the streets.

Envoys missing China embarrassed

ISLAMABAD, Nov 6, (Reuters): Two Muslim Chinese diplomats disappeared from their Islamabad embassy over the weekend, 10 days before an official visit by Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng, a Chinese source said.

Li's official visit will be his first outside China since the bloody suppression of the pro-democracy movement in Beijing in June, which was followed by a series of defections from Chinese missions around the world.

The Islamabad embassy initially said all of its diplomats were accounted for, but later an official declined to comment, saying: "I have nothing to tell you."

According to the source, Second-Secretary Rehman Anwar and Attaché Abdul Karim disappeared on Saturday, but whether they defected remains a mystery. They are both

from China's minority Muslim community.

A Pakistan Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "We are not aware of any such thing."

If the two have defected it will be an embarrassment for both the Chinese and Pakistan governments, coming so close to Li's four-day visit from Nov 14.

China has long had close relations with Pakistan. Unlike many nations, Islamabad officials did not protest over the Chinese crackdown, calling it China's internal affair.

A Canadian aid worker due to leave Pakistan today after working with Afghan refugees for nearly a year disappeared five days ago without a trace.

The aid group Service-Saving Emergency Relief and Vocational Enterprise, said 32-year-old John Tarzwell was last seen at his home in Peshawar last Wednesday evening.



Picasso stolen

Fifteen paintings worth millions of dollars have been stolen from the Riviera home of Marina Picasso (picture), granddaughter of the late Spanish master, in what police officials call one of the biggest art heists ever.

Police declined to disclose the number or titles of the works, stolen yesterday morning from Marina's villa in Cannes.

She was on vacation in Megeve at the time of the burglary, which police said took place while a housekeeper was out shopping at about 8am.

Police said the stolen artworks were valued at 105 million francs (about \$17 million) and include two paintings by Henri Matisse and a bust by Auguste Rodin.

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Li visits Bangladesh this month: police club Dhaka street actors

DHAKA, Nov 6, (Agencies): Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng will visit Bangladesh this month as part of a three-nation goodwill tour, Beijing's ambassador to Dhaka said today.

"It is a goodwill visit which will emphasise amity with China's friendly neighbours," Ambassador Chen Song Lu said.

He said Li Peng will arrive in Dhaka on the second leg of a tour of Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal.

Chinese officials said Li Peng's three-

day visit to Dhaka would start on Nov 17.

The ambassador said Li Peng and President Hussain Muhammad Ershad would discuss bilateral and international issues and explore ways to "step up their existing co-operation."

China is Bangladesh's main arms supplier and an important trade partner.

Ershad commissioned a Chinese-built guided-missile frigate in the southern port of Chittagong last Saturday. He said a small nation with a powerful navy would

help maintain the balance of regional power.

In 1988, the two countries bartered commodities worth \$129 million.

The ambassador said the two countries would sign several agreements on bilateral co-operation during Li Peng's visit but he ruled out chances of any new military agreements.

In totally separate development, police used steel-tipped batons to break up a satirical street play held as part of an anti-

government strike yesterday, and at least 15 people were hurt, witnesses said.

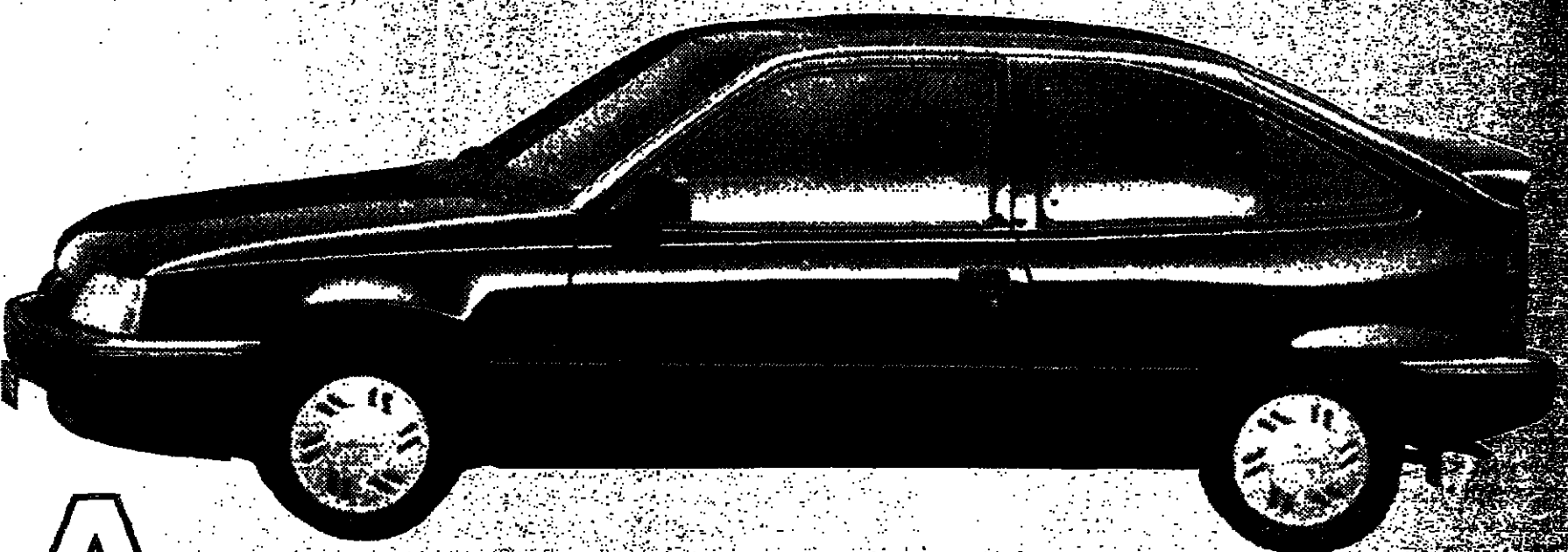
About 300 people were on a Dhaka street watching the play, a satire about Ershad, when police moved in and dispersed the crowd, witnesses said.

The actors and audience fled in panic as police charged, and at least 15 people suffered injuries, witnesses said.

The dawn-to-dusk strike, the 61st this year, was called by the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its allies.



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Private Eye settles suit

Yorkshire Ripper's wife wins reprieve

LONDON, Nov 6, (Reuters). The satirical magazine Private Eye, threatened with closure by a massive libel suit from the estranged wife of one of Britain's most notorious mass killers, won a reprieve today when the case was settled.

Last month Private Eye appealed successfully against the size of £600,000 (\$930,000) damages awarded by a jury to Sonia Sutcliffe in May.

It was the largest libel award made in Britain and the magazine said at that time it would force it to close.

Under British libel laws, among the toughest

in the world, damages are set by juries which have increasingly followed the example of US courts in making six-figure awards.

Today Private Eye told the court of appeal, which was to have reassessed the earlier claim, it had agreed to pay one-tenth of the award and her legal costs to Sutcliffe, wife of the murderer nicknamed "the Yorkshire Ripper".

The magazine, which has made its reputation by lampooning politicians, royalty and public figures for almost 30 years, was ordered by the high court to pay a further £100,000 (\$155,000) in settlement of a second

libel suit brought by Sutcliffe.

The total cost to the magazine, including legal fees, will top £400,000 (\$620,000).

Private Eye's editor Ian Hislop said after the original decision: "If this is justice, I am a banana." After today's agreement he told reporters: "I think at the moment I'm a semi-mashed banana, but a very happy one."

"I hope this will help reduce the absurd level of recent libel awards."

Private Eye accused Sutcliffe of trying to sell her story to a newspaper to capitalise on the notoriety of her husband Peter, jailed in 1981 for the murders of 13 women.



Helping hands

Master Baker Chris Lole gets help from some children during their attempt Nov 5 to make Britain's biggest Christmas pudding. The record to beat is 617 pounds but the pudding won't be weighed until early next month. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Granny squad' to trap killer

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov 6, (AP). Police today said they set up a "Granny squad" to capture a psychopath who bludgeons elderly women to death in some of Sydney's ritziest suburbs.

The suspect, whom police say could be a woman and newspapers have dubbed the "Society Killer," is suspected of stalking and brutally killing four women in their 80s in the past eight months — always in broad daylight and on the city's north shore.

The killer also has taunted police by leaving victims' belongings in parks and other public places weeks after the crime.

John Avery, police commissioner for the state of New South Wales, announced the formation of round-the-clock Granny patrols with 35 detectives to guard old people's homes and streets in an area across the Harbour Bridge from downtown Sydney that has the nation's highest concentration of elderly people.

It is estimated that 50 per cent of homes in the plush north shore are occupied by single people.

Australian media have dubbed the attacker the "Society Killer" following the May murder of Sydney socialite Lady Winifred Ashton. She was found savagely beaten outside her home.

A month earlier, Gwendoline Mitchell was found outside her apartment with massive injuries.

There have been three other attacks, which resulted in two deaths, all in almost identical circumstances.

The only survivor, Doris Cox, 86, said she was hit from behind with a piece of wood and described her attacker as young, with short dark hair. Police have refused to rule out the possibility the suspect is a woman.

Avery, the police commissioner, said police were searching for a serial killer who is responsible for the "most horrific" murders in state history.

The killer always strikes between midday and 6 pm, attacking single elderly women on their arrival home from shopping. Avery said a police task force dubbed operation command, is seeking a "meticulous psychopath."

PEOPLE AND PLACES

TOKYO: A senior police inspector has been dismissed for allegedly grabbing a man's wallet on a crowded train during rush hour last month, police reported.

Inspector Masatoshi Yamada was dismissed two days after being accused of taking the wallet, said Katsunori Yamashita head of the Honjo police station in downtown Tokyo.

On his way to work on Oct 23, Yamada, 54, boarded a commuter train near his home in the northern outskirts of Tokyo and allegedly stole a man's wallet containing about \$21 from his hip pocket, Kyodo News Service quoted Yamashita as saying.

The man caught Yamada and took him to a station keeper, who notified police, the report Thursday said. (AP)

SEATTLE, Washington: Captain Al Haynes, whose plane as pilot of a disabled United DC-10 was credited with saving the lives of 184 of the 296 people aboard, has returned to the cockpit after a three-month leave.

Haynes' wife, Darlene, and daughter, Laurie, were at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport on Tuesday to see Haynes fly a United DC-10 to San Francisco on the first leg of a three-day trip across the country.

"It's time to get back," said Haynes, who on July 19 guided a United DC-10 to a crash landing at Sioux City, Iowa.

A failed fan blade in an engine damaged the plane's hydraulic system and robbed the cockpit crew of most of their control over the plane.

Haynes, 57, with the help of an off-duty pilot aboard the flight, used the two remaining engines to bring the plane down.

Tuesday's flight experienced no problems. (AP)

FONDA, New York: Actor Peter Fonda took a break from movie-making to tour this Montgomery county town named after his ancestors.

Fonda, the 49-year-old son of the late actor Henry Fonda and brother of actress Jane Fonda, visited his relatives' graves and toured the area for his planned autobiography "Don't Tell Dad."

His three-day visit to Fonda, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) northwest of Schenectady, included a stop at the grave of his namesake, General Peter Henry Fonda.

Fonda, who travelled with wife Beck from their home in Montana, came to the area two weeks ago to visit his daughter Bridget, who is making a movie in Gloversville. After that, he decided to return to research the book's preface, in which he plans to outline his family's history. (AP)

Ballad writer

Sadler, 49, dies

MURFREESBORO, Tennessee, Nov 6, (AP). Singer-songwriter Barry Sadler, who recorded the hit "Ballad of the Green Berets" in 1966, has died at the age of 49.

Sadler, who suffered brain damage from a shooting, died yesterday at the Alvin C. York Medical Centre, hospital spokesman Albert Archie said. A cause of death was not given and an autopsy will be performed, he said.

Sadler had been hospitalized in Murfreesboro or Cleveland since he was critically wounded in 1988 in Guatemala while training Contra rebels.

He became the centre of a guardianship dispute between his mother and a son over who would handle his affairs. A probate judge in Cleveland in February said Sadler's family had agreed to the appointment of an independent guardian.

MILWAUKEE, Wisconsin: New York Yankees outfielder Lee Polonsky, jailed for having sex with a 15-year-old girl, has been released temporarily by a judge because the Dominican Republic native's work visa had expired.

Polonsky, who had served 27 days of his 60-day sentence, also has a contract to play winter baseball in his own country.

He was ordered Wednesday to return February 1 to Milwaukee to serve the balance of his sentence, said circuit judge Thomas Deberry. Deberry said that, if Polonsky is not granted another employment visa to return to the United States, he must do 90 hours of community service in the Dominican Republic.

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa: Two new songs by Tracy Chapman including one about imprisoned black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, have been banned from the airwaves of the state-run broadcasting company.

Reef Jacobs, chairman of the records committee of the South African Broadcasting Corporation, said this week that the two songs from Chapman's new album, "Crossroads," had been ruled undesirable for use by the SABC.

The songs are "Freedom Now," which is dedicated to Mandela, and "Material World." (AP)

Egyptian claims remedy for Aids

CAIRO, Nov 6, (Kuna). An Egyptian doctor battling to win recognition from the medical community for what he calls an effective Aids drug has insisted that clinical tests proved that Aids patients who took the drug improved by no less than 60 per cent.

Dr Ahmed Shafiq told Kuna in an interview today he had agreed with a US drug company to manufacture the drug which he developed in co-operation with a Zairean colleague, Dr Lorthoma, Zirimimoi Bajabo.

The drug, MM1, would be administered in the form of 20 injections taken over 40 days in the treatment which Shafiq says has shown remarkable effect in stimulating the human immune system.

Aids, or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, is a fatal disease which has claimed thousands of lives in the US, Europe and Africa since the dawn of this decade.

Shafiq said he and his Zairean colleague had treated 2,105 Aids patients since 1987 and that 1,292 patients improved by 60 per cent.

Shafiq conceded that all those patients eventually died but he argued that this was due to the fact that they were being treated in Zaire and other African countries where anti-biotics run in short supplies.

He added that last September he registered the drug with the bar association in the US to win a patent.

French abortion pill gains support

LONDON, Nov 6, (Reuters). Contraversial pill that induces abortion is rapidly gaining acceptance in the world's medical community for reasons having more to do with a woman's health than her right to choose.

The drug RU486, manufactured by Roussel-Uclaf of Paris, is now only available in France. But leading doctors are pushing for its introduction to the rest of the world, not because it makes abortions more accessible but because it makes them safer.

"Seventy-five per cent of all countries have some form of legal abortion. That's a fact of life," said Dr David Baird, professor of reproductive endocrinology at the University of Edinburgh.

Health groups estimate that about 200,000 women world-wide die each year from botched abortions, more in under-developed countries where abortion is legal than in industrialised nations where it is illegal.

"This is a safe, effective and generally acceptable method," said Baird. "Putting aside the moral issues... surely it is a responsibility of us as individuals and governments to make available to everyone technological advances."

RU486 is a steroid that blocks the production of the hormone progesterone, which enables the uterus to maintain pregnancy.

The pill induces bleeding, causing the uterus to slough off the foetus, and is used in combination with prostaglandin, which encourages the uterus to contract. Two outpatient visits are required for the treatment.

Traditional surgical abortions require the foetus to be scraped or sucked out, with attendant risks of injury, infection or complications from anaesthesia.

An abortion dose with RU486 costs about £59 (\$75), a Roussel spokesman said, compared with some £200 (\$300) for a surgical abortion.

The pill set off a storm of controversy when it was introduced in France in October 1988. Fierce opposition from anti-abortionists around the world, including a threat to boycott all products made by Roussel's West German parent Hoechst AG caused the company to withdraw the pill from the market only a month after introduction.

It was only reintroduced under orders from the French minister of health. A year later, some 30,000 women in France have used the pill successfully. It accounts for about one-quarter of all abortions performed in France.

Dr Louise Sivestre, who conducted clinical trials of the pill for Roussel in France, said it has terminated pregnancy successfully in 95 per cent of the cases if used before the 10th week, the same success rate as surgical abortions.

Still, the pill has been approved for use in only one other country — China — and Roussel has not said when or if it will actually distribute RU486 there.

Anti-abortionists, particularly in the United States, are vehemently opposed to the drug. The US national right to life committee's official position is that "the French abortion pill is a chemical time bomb that is so dangerous both to unborn babies and women that it will self-destruct before it can be distributed in the United States."

But RU486's inventor, Dr Etienne-Emile Baulieu of Paris' Hospital Bicetre, said the health advantages of the pill guarantees its eventual introduction.

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Noriega capable of anything

PANAMA CITY, Panama, Nov 6, (AP): Mutinous soldiers who staged a coup against Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega last month were caught alive and murdered, the widow of the coup leader alleged on a clandestine TV broadcast yesterday.

"Gen. Noriega is capable of any madness, of anything," Adela de Giroldi, widow of Maj. Moises Giroldi, said in a broadcast that was transmitted 25 minutes on an empty frequency.

Mrs Giroldi and her children fled to Miami, Florida, as did other families of mutineers. "I feel proud of my husband and that he died with honour," Mrs Giroldi said.

"They lined up my husband and the others to kill them in cold blood because they surrendered, and without any thought they were murdered," she added. "To those they don't like, death. To those they like, death. And to those they don't understand, death."

Twenty-seven officers were arrested after the Oct 3 coup against Noriega, head of Panama's defence forces. Eight others were killed. The government has denied reports that some of the coup leaders were executed after surrendering.

Noriega also has shuffled the leadership in various posts, since some of the forces closest to him were involved in the uprising. He has

accused the United States of trying to infiltrate the military, encouraging young officers to overthrow the general.

Mrs Giroldi said of Noriega, "He is not in a condition to run the country or the defence forces." She added, "There are still good and honest officers who could command the defence forces well."

Washington has been putting pressure on Noriega since he was indicted on drug charges last year in the United States. Noriega says the accusations are false and an excuse to abrogate the Panama Canal treaties, which turn over control of the waterway to Panama before the end of the century.

US won't go for killings

WASHINGTON, Nov 6, (Kuna): Direct or indirect US help to foreign insurgents planning the assassination of their leaders still will be barred, US officials said yesterday.

A legal opinion from the US Justice Department — stamped secret and to be sent shortly to congressional intelligence committees — will be closely scrutinised by the lawmakers, unnamed officials told the New York Times.

The Times claimed it had obtained a copy of the classified Justice Department opinion. Some legislators oppose the idea of the US supporting violent coups d'état.

Insiders say that the legal opinion, while still barring help to assassins, gives greater latitude to the US in aiding an insurrection.

They add, however, that US Central Intelligence Agency "field officers" will be confounded by the guidelines.

It cannot be known whether US-backed rebels will try to kill their leaders despite assurances to the Americans that is not their goal, they observed.

One result of the justice review is that the administration has dropped a policy allowed by its predecessors that required the US to warn a foreign political figure if it learned an assassination plot was under way, officials said.

Accept amnesty or die, warns Ortega

Meeting with Contras suggested

RIOBLANCO, Nicaragua, Nov 6, (Reuters): President Daniel Ortega has warned US-backed Contra rebels inside Nicaragua to accept an amnesty offered by the leftist Sandinista government or prepare to die.

But Ortega also said a ceasefire he abandoned last Wednesday could be renewed if talks he has proposed at the United Nations in New York reached agreement on disbanding the Contras and ending the eight-year-old war.

Ortega originally proposed talks for today and tomorrow but Honduras refused and the Contras said they needed more time. Ortega has now suggested a meeting on November 9 and 10.

A military commander in Nicaragua said 18 Contras had been killed in northern Nicaragua since Ortega lifted the 19-month-old ceasefire on Wednesday.

Speaking at a rally Saturday in the remote town of Rio Blanco, where 19 people were killed in Contra attack two weeks ago, Ortega urged the rebels to accept an offer of amnesty in return for renouncing violence.

Ortega has said that an October 21 rebel ambush near Rio Blanco that killed 19 army reservists was the last straw leading to his decision to lift the ceasefire and order a new offensive against the Contras.

Ortega said the army had been ordered to strike to the death

against Contras who did not accept the amnesty.

A white-haired woman, Guillerma Bello Fernandez, earlier described to the crowd how Contras came to her house on a farming co-operative outside Rio Blanco last month and murdered three of her sons, shooting them and slitting their throats.

Colonel Manuel Salvatierra, commander of the sixth military region comprising the northern provinces of Matagalpa and Jinotega, said the army had killed 18 rebels since the ceasefire was lifted.

Salvatierra said that more than 1,000 Contras had infiltrated northern Nicaragua from Honduras since the end of September, bringing total Contra presence in the area to 1,500.

Salvatierra alleged that rebel groups were campaigning on behalf of the opposition National Union (UNO), the main challenger to the Sandinistas in elections next February.

"(The Contras) arrive at villages, force the people to gather and explain to them that they must vote against the Sandinista Front and for the UNO. They kill some people who are leaders of the community," he said.

Central American presidents have agreed on a plan to disband the Contras by December 5, but

the deadline looks unlikely to be met.

Meanwhile, in Tegucigalpa, US-backed Nicaraguan Contras gave the green light yesterday for talks with the Sandinista government later this week at UN headquarters in New York.

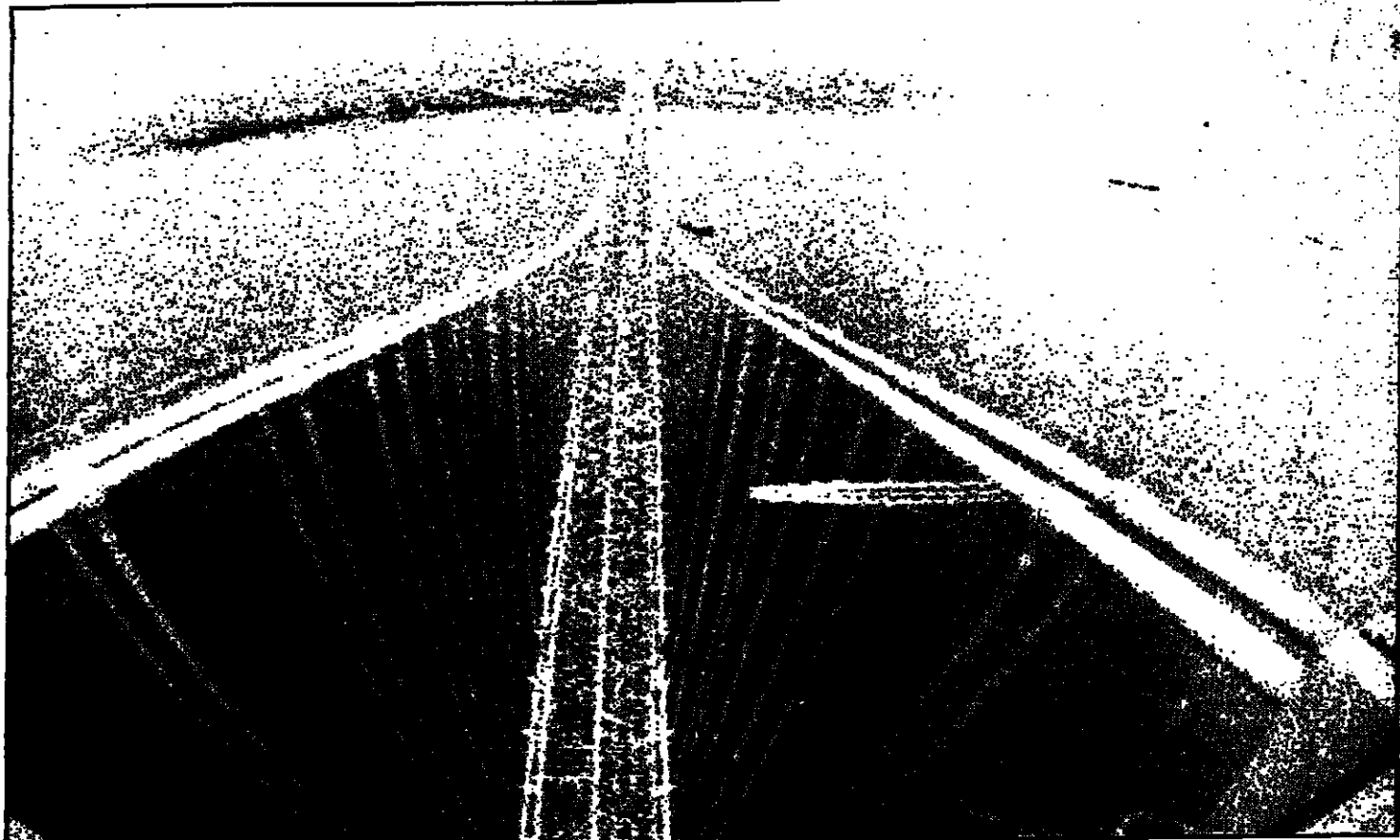
The talks, which have been already postponed once, are scheduled for next Thursday and Friday, the rebels' military spokesman Luis Fley told Reuters.

Following a meeting yesterday of senior Contra commanders in Tegucigalpa, the rebels said they had accepted the new dates proposed by an international commission overseeing the dialogue.

The commission, made up jointly of the United Nations and the Organisation of American States (OAS), had received word that both the Contras and the Sandinistas would attend, said Fley, who is also known as commander "Johnson".

Nicaragua's Catholic Primate Miguel Obando Y Bravo would attend as an observer, Johnson said. It remained unclear whether the Honduran government would bow to a Nicaraguan request that it too attend.

US Vice-President Dan Quayle accused Ortega yesterday of trying to create an atmosphere that would allow him to call off elections scheduled for February 25.



Sea of runners

Runners in the 20th NYC Marathon cross from Staten Island to Brooklyn on the Verrazano-Narrows bridge. (Reuters wirephoto)

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Plot to kidnap Barco daughter

BOGOTA, Nov 6, (AP): Colombia's leading newspaper reported yesterday that police have uncovered drug traffickers' plans to kidnap one of President Virgilio Barco's three daughters and a leading presidential candidate.

The newspaper El Tiempo said the Aug 18 assassination of a leading presidential candidate, Sen Luis Carlos Galan, was just one attack in a master terrorist plot to force the government to abandon plans to intensify its battle against traffickers.

The newspaper cited police and senior government officials as sources for the story. A national police spokeswoman told the Associated Press she could not confirm the report.

Traffickers reportedly found out last August that the government was moving to implement the measure they most fear — extradition of drug suspects to the United States. They decided to strike first to persuade the Barco administration to abandon its plans, El Tiempo said.

"The chiefs of the Medellin cartel planned the kidnapping of President Barco's daughter and the presidential candidate Hernando Duran Dussan," the newspaper said.

Barco's three daughters, Carolina, Diana and Julia, reportedly all have left Colombia.

Hernando Duran Dussan, a 70-year-old presidential candidate for the Liberal Party, leads the polls in a presidential race to be decided in May. Barco also belongs to the Liberal Party.

Duran Dussan, a strong opponent of negotiating with drug traffickers, recently said he had received several death threats. He did not identify any specific group as being behind the threats.

The Medellin cartel killed a federal judge and a state police commander the week before killing Galan, and planned several more kidnappings and assassinations, El Tiempo reported.

For months, cartel leaders had been trying to propose a dialogue with the government. Finally, realising the administration was determined to fight them even harder, the cartel's bosses decided to strike, said El Tiempo.

The paper added that the cartel also planned to assassinate the chief investigative police officer, Col Oscar Felix Carmona, the secret police chief, Gen. Miguel Maza Marquez, and communist party chief Gilberto Vieira.

Guillermo Delgado Basso, a 54-year-old hotel owner, was the sixth accused drug trafficker to be sent to the United States for trial since the war on drugs began in August.

The street value of the New York City's largest drug seizure could reach nearly \$1 billion by the time federal agents finish digging cocaine from hundreds of drums in a warehouse, a drug agent said yesterday.

Cartel running big operation

The dirty 300 in US

NEW YORK, Nov 6, (Reuters): Some 300 Colombian drug cartel managers based and operating in the United States operate a cocaine smuggling, marketing and money-laundering network with revenues as high as \$5 billion a year, Newsweek magazine reported yesterday.

The magazine, in a cover story on what it called "The Dirty 300," said federal drug enforcement officials have identified 259 Colombian trafficking groups in the United States, with five to 50 members each. The primary distribution centres are in Miami, Los Angeles, New York and Houston, it said.

It quoted federal sources as saying 5,000 Colombians living in the Miami area alone were engaged in the cocaine trade, and said the Los Angeles Herald Examiner reported that at least 6,000 Colombians living in the Los Angeles area were part of trafficking rings there.

The Colombians, according to federal sources quoted by Newsweek, do not seem to be involved in the retail, street-level cocaine sales, but they control the warehousing and supplies in the United States.

The magazine said that the Colombians, when caught, have the services of high-paid lawyers. "As a result, though many investigators are confident that the cartels can be broken, no one predicts that victory will come easily or soon," said Newsweek.

It quotes federal sources as saying the impact of the Colombian government's current crackdown on the drug lords is already fading, and that the cartels' ability to move large amounts of cocaine to and within the United States has probably been only temporarily affected.

Dems. are confident of victory in polls

WASHINGTON, Nov 6, (AP): Candidates are sticking to negative themes entering today's final day of the campaign for governor of Virginia and New Jersey and mayor of New York. Democrats are sounding confident.

The campaigns of Democrats L. Douglas Wilder and David Dinkins to score racial breakthroughs in tomorrow's elections are sharing attention with the changing impact of abortion as a political issue.

Bidding to become the first black elected governor of any state, Wilder is battling Republican J. Marshall Coleman in a Virginia contest in which race was rarely mentioned until the closing days.

Republican Rudolph Giuliani said yesterday that if he is elected mayor of New York he will order an investigation of Dinkins' finances. Dinkins, bidding to be the first black mayor of the nation's largest city, responded that former US attorney Giuliani "just can't get the prosecutor out of himself."

The New Jersey governor's race looked like the safest bet for a Democratic victory as Congressman James Florio, buoyed by a poll putting his lead at 24 points, was trying to help fellow Democrats win state assembly seats. Republican Congressman James Courter brushed aside the poll and described himself as a victim of "scurrilous ads."

The two races for governor and the New York mayoral contest are getting the most attention in a light political year being watched for political trends that might impact on the 1990 elections when 34 Senate seats, 36 governorships and 435 house seats are on the ballot.

In Houston, 11 candidates are vying to fill the house seat held by the Congressman Mickey Leland who was killed in a plane crash in Africa.

New York is only one of hundreds of cities holding elections around the country. In Detroit, 71-year-old Mayor Coleman Young is trying to fight off a spirited challenge from 40-year-old Tom Barrow, the man he beat easily four years ago.

Cleveland voters are choosing between councilman George Forbes and State Sen Michael R. White in a contest marked by nasty personal attacks from both sides.

Two cities — New Haven, Connecticut, and Seattle — are considered likely to elect their first black mayors.



Dinkins (left) gives the thumbs-up after his debate with Giuliani (right) in New York Nov 5. (Reuters wirephoto)

Bush will keep Quayle in 1992

Vice-president pleased

WASHINGTON, Nov 6, (UPI): Vice-President Dan Quayle said yesterday he was "pleased" but not surprised by reports that President George Bush had promised to keep him on the 1992 Republican presidential ticket.

The report that Bush intended to keep the 1988 GOP intact apparently came as a relief to Quayle supporters and staff who have been concerned about the vice president's poor ratings with the public.

"I'm very pleased that the President is pleased with the job that I'm doing, and that's good news for me," Quayle told NBC's "Meet the Press." "I think anybody that knows this President, and knows of the relationship that we have, should not be surprised by the President's response to that question."

Quayle's comments came on the heels of an interview with Bush published yesterday in The Dallas Morning News in which the President vowed to keep the vice president as his running mate in the next presidential election.

Bush told the newspaper that the former Indiana Senator is doing "a very good job, an outstanding job" as vice president and is "absolutely" on the next GOP ticket.

Quayle "is doing exactly what I want him to do and doing it because his heart is in it," Bush said. "I think he has been an outstanding vice president."

Speaking to reporters accompanying Bush on a tour of New England, White House Chief of Staff John Sununu said, "I think they've been thinking in terms of an eight-year term all along. I hope that's not a surprise to anybody."

Then, laughing, Sununu told reporters: "I need the job."

The vice president said Bush had not personally asked him to be on the 1992 ticket but added he never had any doubts that he would be included. Quayle also said he had not considered the possibility, assuming Bush won the 1992 election, of running for president in 1996.

First US civil rights memorial dedicated

MONTGOMERY, Alabama, Nov 6, (AP): A generation after Medgar Evers and Dr Martin Luther King Jr were killed, the nation's first memorial to martyrs of the civil rights movement was unveiled yesterday as relatives expressed hope that young people will carry on the spirit of that turbulent era.

Several people cried as they touched the cool water that flows across a circular black granite slab engraved with important events of the era, including the names of 40 people who died in the struggle for racial equality.

The memorial is of the same material and by the same architect as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington.

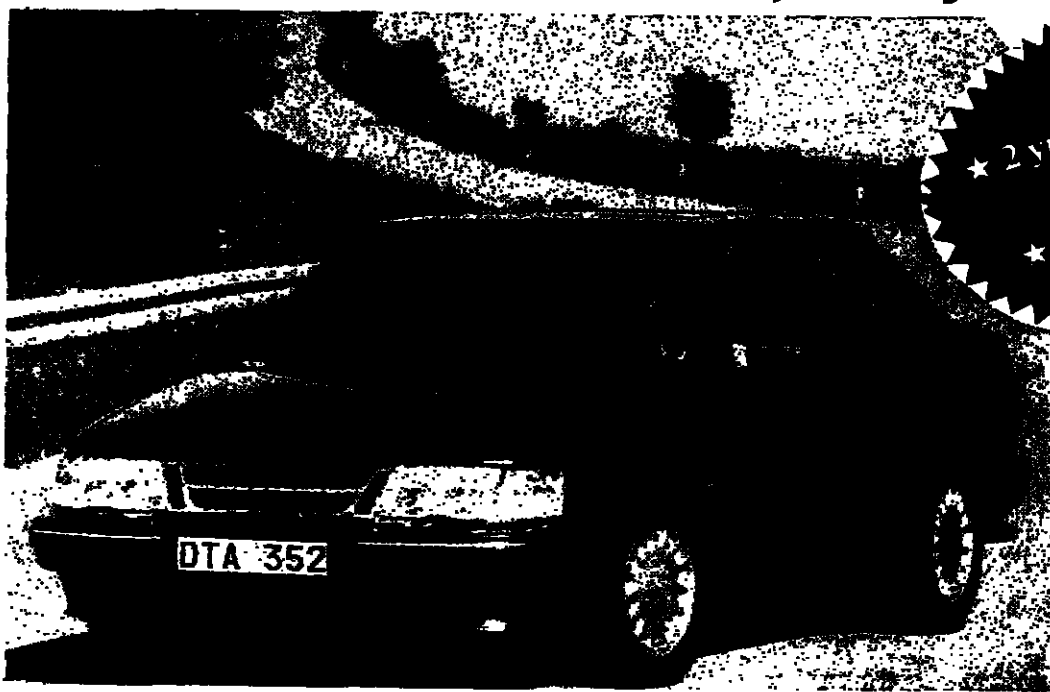
"I hope this will vitalise the struggle, keep it fresh in the minds...for the youth," said Ollie Gordon, a Chicago schoolteacher whose cousin, 14-year-old Emmett Till, was shot to death in 1955 by whites angered that he had spoken to a white woman.

"I talk about Martin Luther King and ask why we celebrate his birthday, and many children don't know," Ms Gordon said. The civil rights leader was assassinated in 1968.

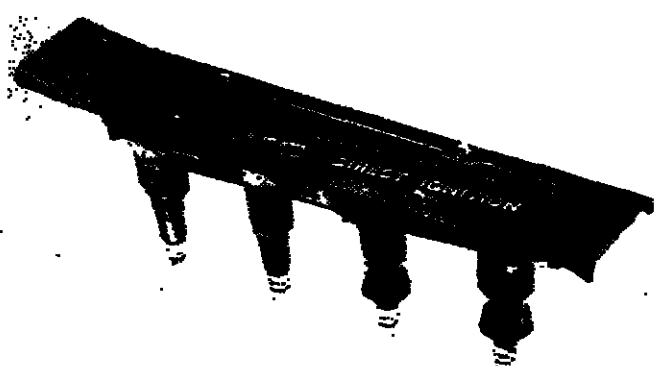
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Greece in new political crisis

ATHENS, Nov 6, (AP): Greece's political crisis deepened today after the conservative New Democracy Party came in first in national elections but narrowly missed achieving a ruling majority.

"Without a doubt our political life is entering a difficult phase," New Democracy leader Constantine Mitsotakis declared after his party failed to win a clear ruling mandate in yesterday's election.

The 71-year-old Mitsotakis was expected to receive a presidential mandate within 48 hours allowing him to try to put together a government that could win a vote of confidence from Parliament. But a successful outcome appeared unlikely.

"Naturally I will accept the

mandate and from then on Parliament will undertake its own responsibilities and the developments will take their course," Mitsotakis said today.

The three major political parties have divergent ideologies and views on economic policy and the presence of US military bases.

Premier Ioannis Grivas, whose caretaker cabinet led the country to elections, conferred with President Christos Sarizetakis today on constitutional procedures. Athanasios Tsaldaris, speaker of the last Parliament was scheduled to meet with Sarizetakis later today.

With 98 per cent of the votes counted, New Democracy had 46.27 per cent, or 148 seats in the

300-member unicameral Parliament. The Conservatives need 151 places for an absolute majority to control the government after eight years of socialist rule and a brief coalition administration.

New Democracy was followed by former premier Andreas Papandreou's Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok) with 40.67 per cent and 128 seats and the coalition of the Left and Progress, headed by communist chief Harilaos Florakis, with 10.8 per cent and 21 seats.

The remaining three seats went to independents - a leftist backed jointly by Pasok and the coalition in a single-seat constituency, a Greek Muslim, and an environmentalist for the first time in Greece's political history.

The election was the 15th since the end of World War II and the sixth since Greece's return to democracy after a 1967-74 military dictatorship.

The election outcome could result in a coalition dominated by Papandreou's Socialists, which ruled from 1981 until June.

The only option for the scandal-shaken party, however, appeared to be the formation of an alliance with the communist-led coalition of the Left and Progress. But the coalition said they would only co-operate with Pasok if it replaced the 70-year-old Papandreou.

The Athens Stock Exchange reflected the disappointment that permeated the business community in the wake of the election results.



Mitsotakis all smiles during a press conference. (Reuters wirephoto)



Papandreou receives a kiss from his wife Dmtra Liani. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nato goes to war, without soldiers, on computer

BRUSSELS, Nov 6, (Reuters): Nato began a major military exercise today, replacing marching boots and the clatter of tank tracks in Europe with sleek, silent computers for the first time.

A spokesman at the military alliance headquarters said top commanders would use some of the world's most sophisticated computer software to simulate crisis and combat

from Norway to the Mediterranean.

Computers have been used before in Nato exercises but this is the first time all the alliance's European command centres have been involved in a pure computer exercise.

"Exercise Ace 89" is due to last 11 days.

"It won't be like the kids' games, they won't be shooting at tanks or seeing aeroplanes explode," said the spokesman at Supreme

Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (Shape), near the Belgian town of Mons.

Instead, some 3,000 Nato commanders and their staff will have to make decisions based on computer data and analyses.

"It will test senior commanders and Nato's communication systems," the spokesman said.

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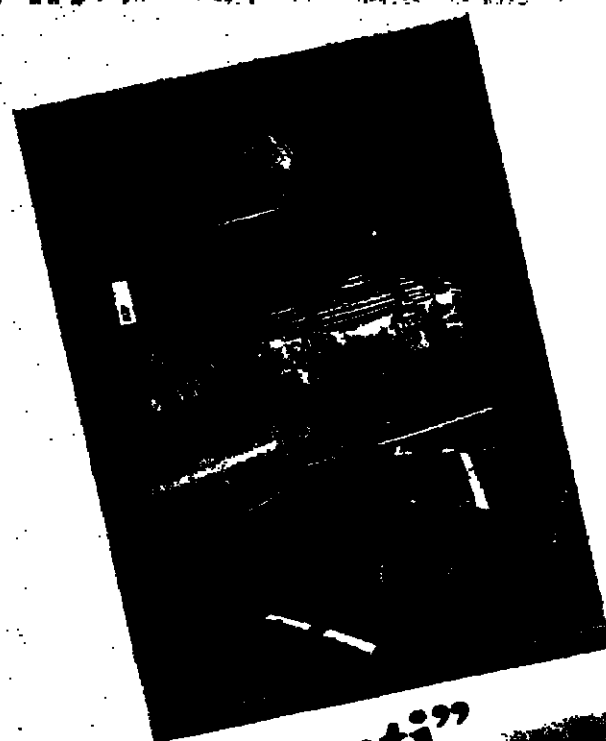
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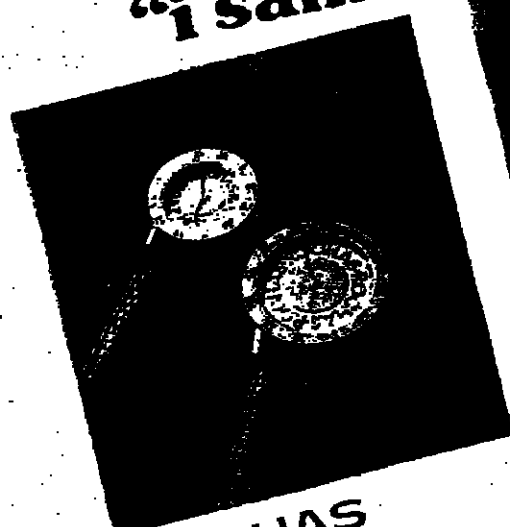
In the new decor, we have mixed the Islamic and Roman civilisations through the use of the precious Italian marble. In addition, excellent illumination has been installed in total harmony with the square white shining ceiling, besides using Halogen lighting, which reflects on the products to change their colours.



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INTERNATIONAL/MIDEAST

Beijing stays left, defends GDR

BEIJING, Nov 6, (Reuters): China defended East Germany in its time of need today, saying communism there had demonstrated its superiority over capitalism in West Germany.

The official Guangming Daily, publishing China's first analysis of East Germany's crisis, made no mention of the flight of more than 175,000 East Germans this year to the West or the recent sweeping leadership changes.

"Can a comparison of the two Germanies demonstrate the failure of socialism?" the newspaper asked in its headline. The answer was an emphatic no.

"We can see that although socialism is going through a process of maturity, already within a short time it has shown its essential superiority, its strong life force and vast prospects," the newspaper said.

East Germany was one of only a few countries to give outspoken support to China after troops crushed pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing in June.

On Saturday it was the turn of East Germans to call for reforms in mass demonstrations and China was showing it stood by its friend in Eastern Europe, diplomats said.

Poland and Hungary, both in the process of ditching more than 40 years of communism, could no longer be relied on for support in China's ideological battle against capitalism and what it calls Western subversion.

Coverage

China's main newspapers did not report the weekend protests in East Berlin but the English-language China Daily gave prominent coverage with the headline "huge rally in GDR calls for sweeping political reforms."

"What is happening in East Germany?" Asked one Chinese office worker, eager for more information.

The Guangming Daily, a newspaper aimed mostly at China's intellectuals, made it clear that its lengthy commentary was aimed at crushing any hopes that the events in Eastern Europe could divert China from its current hard-line policies.

"The two Germanies, two systems side-by-side, the strengths and weaknesses of socialism and capitalism — these have become the focus of the struggle between the two sides and the centre of people's concerns," the daily said.

"Those in China who support bourgeois liberalisation are waningly putting about the theory of socialism's failure. They think the best proof of this is comparing the two Germanies," the newspaper said, in an attack on China's own political reformists.

Comparing West Germany with East, their distribution of resources, history and economies, the newspaper concluded that socialism was the superior system.

It recognised, however, that living standards were higher in the West and said socialism would also make mistakes in its process of change.

Plenum meets

China's Communist Party central committee, holding its first plenary session since it purged reformist leader Zhao Ziyang in June, convenes this week to tighten the conservative lock on the nation's economic and political policies.

The plenum is expected to endorse a three-year programme, advocated by hardline Premier Li Peng, reasserting central controls over the economy. It may also fill vacancies in the party's decision-making politburo with supporters of the current conservative line.

As is usually the case, there has been no official announcement of the plenum, but East European sources said it will begin today and run for two or three days.

Party leaders were reported to have met in a secret work conference last week to map out the decisions to be made at the 5th plenary session of the 13th central committee.

The plenum, consisting of 175 central committee members and 108 alternates, will focus on the economic prospects that many fear could be a setback for China's 10-year course of market-oriented reforms.

Rising tide of humanity hits the shores of FRG

West leaders edgy on exodus

BONN, Nov 6, (Agencies): At least 19,000 East Germans fled to the West through Czechoslovakia over the weekend, and more than 1,000 others were expected to arrive by train and car today, officials said.

The huge influx prompted West German officials to call for reform in their communist neighbour that would induce people to remain in East Germany.

The East German government today published the draft of a new law allowing citizens 30 days a year of free travel in the West. Communist Party leader Egon Krenz has promised sweeping political and economic reforms, and freer travel was one of his first pledges.

The latest exodus followed East Berlin's decision on Saturday to allow those seeking passage to the West to leave through Czechoslovakia with only their personal identification. That cut the paperwork backlogs that had ensued after the East German government agreed to process through its embassy those holed up in Czechoslovakia, seeking to emigrate.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bus plunges, 45 dead: A crowded passenger bus collided with a truck and plunged into a river yesterday in southeastern Nepal, killing at least 45 people, police said.

Rescue workers searched the Trisuli river for other possible victims of one of the worst bus accidents in Nepal's history. Estimates of the number of people aboard the bus ranged from 53 to about 70.

Police said the bus was travelling on the highway linking Kathmandu with the industrial city of Biratnagar when it slammed into a parked truck and fell into the river near the village of Jogmura.

Forty-five people were confirmed killed and eight others were injured, authorities said. There were no reports of foreigners aboard the bus. (UPI)

Pressure builds up on IRA: Pressure intensified today on both sides of the Irish border for the IRA to halt its guerrilla campaign and come to the conference table.

Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey and John Hume, leader of Northern Ireland's leading moderate Nationalist Party, both begged Irish Republican Army gunmen to lay down their arms after a 20-year conflict that has killed almost 3,000 people.

Their pleas followed controversial comments by Britain's Northern Ireland Minister Peter Brooke who conceded that the IRA may never be militarily defeated and said talks with Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing, may be possible after a ceasefire.

"Anybody prepared to act in the constitutional way of politics should be welcome to attend a constitutional conference, particularly if they were prepared to abandon violence," Haughey told reporters yesterday. (Reuters)

UN environment chief urges: The top UN environment official urged a 72-nation conference today to act immediately to curb greenhouse gas emissions which threaten to wreak havoc on the global climate.

"It is almost a virtual certainty our planet faces unprecedented climate change," Mustafa Tolba, executive director of the United Nations Environmental Programme, told delegates at the conference in the Dutch seaside resort of Noordwijk.

"In the face of catastrophic possibilities... the most urgent policy change is to co-ordinate international action to limit greenhouse gas emissions," Tolba said at the opening of the two-day meeting.

The emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases play the major role in trapping the Sun's rays on Earth and raising temperatures by a greenhouse effect. (Reuters)

Apocalyptic future: Large Third World cities face an apocalyptic future of crime and misery if nothing is done to create new jobs and housing, a United Nations report said today.

By the end of the century, 17 of the world's 20 largest cities will be in developing countries. The only way of easing population pressure will be to improve conditions for the poor, said the report by the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

"The price for inaction should be a still more apocalyptic future: more giant slums, more overburdened civic services, more misery, more crime and social unrest," the report said.

Many governments have done little to improve conditions as a way of discouraging people from drifting to the cities, it said. (Reuters)

Conference on population: The head of an 82-nation conference on population growth said yesterday that fighting illiteracy among women is key to slowing a birthrate that could more than double the world's inhabitants in 100 years.

The UN Population Fund, sponsoring the conference that began today, will seek agreement on eradicating illiteracy among women by the year 2000 and improving the availability of contraceptives, conference sources said.

The gathering opens the same day the US House of Representatives debates a \$15-million proposal to resume funding to the UN agency. The money was cut off in 1985 over an agency-supported Chinese birth control policy. (AP)

Inquiry sought: A politician has called for an independent investigation of a white security guard who has shot and killed 34 black crime suspects in recent years, newspapers reported yesterday.

Louis van Schoor was cleared earlier this year of murdering 26 of the deaths, but eight killings still are under investigation by police.

Van Schoor, a 37-year-old ex-police officer who owns Flash Security, patrols neighbourhoods and business districts by car in the southern city of east London.

Van Schoor has refused to discuss the shootings, but recently in a local newspaper he was in "full production." (AP)

Mandela autobiography: The country's largest newspaper said yesterday that the autobiography of imprisoned black leader Nelson Mandela will be published early next year, possibly to coincide with his expected release.

The Sunday Times said the book was secretly written by the African National Congress leader during his 27 years in prison and the manuscript has been smuggled out.

Mandela's lawyer, Ismail Ayob, is believed to be negotiating with American and British publishers, and bidding for rights to the book has reached \$3 million, said the Sunday Times.

Mandela, South Africa's best known black leader, has been imprisoned since 1962 and is serving a life sentence for sabotage and plotting to overthrow the white government. (AP)



Basque bomb kills inspector

Basque police Inspector Eladio Rodriguez Garcia lies dead in his car after a bomb planted by suspected Basque guerrillas went off as he started his car to go to work in Guecho early yesterday. (Reuters wire-photo)



Show of strength

Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, reviewing naval forces yesterday, said Japan needs to solidify its defence to face a complicated international situation in which the Soviet Union holds enormous military power.

Kaifu, commander-in-chief of the 270,000-member Japanese Self-Defence Force, was among 6,600 people, including officials from 46 countries, watching the review and manoeuvres on the force's 35th anniversary.

A Defence Agency official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said 55 naval ships, 50 planes and 8,000 men participated in the review at Sagami Bay, about 30 kilometres (18 miles) southwest of Japan's capital, Tokyo.

Picture shows a column of Japanese destroyers led by helicopter frigate Shirane. (Reuters wirephoto)

Di outshines Charles: Princess Diana proved more popular with reporters than her husband, Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, as the couple concluded their four-day visit to this Muslim nation today.

Charles' visit to two joint-venture British factories went largely ignored by both the Indonesian press and the horde of British reporters that came with the prince from London.

But the media was out in full force when the prince joined his photogenic, 28-year-old wife at a park featuring Indonesia in miniature.

The future King of England seemed not to mind the publicity given Diana, however, as the British couple were accompanied through the park by Indonesia's Minister of Education Fuad Hassan. (AP)

Killer brew toll 21: An imitation rice wine produced at a factory in China's southern province of Guangdong has poisoned scores of people, killing 21 and sending at least 136 others to hospitals, reports said today.

The poisoning has occurred during the past week in Zhaoqing City, about 200 kilometres (125 miles) west of the British colony of Hong Kong.

Four people have been arrested in connection with production of the imitation wine, which had a level of methyl alcohol far above standards set by the government, according to reports appearing in the pro-Beijing Ta Kung Pao newspaper. (AP)

Karl-Heinz Hornsdash of the federal border police office in Munich said about 1,400 more refugees were expected to arrive on trains coming in from Prague, the Czechoslovak capital, later today.

"They are still coming in by private car," another border police spokesman, Johann Ermer, told the Associated Press.

Meanwhile, West German politicians and business leaders are growing increasingly edgy about East Germany's decision to let its people leave freely and Bonn's ability to absorb the influx.

The new mood contrasts sharply with the jubilation and job offers which greeted the first refugees slipping through the rusted 'iron curtain' via Hungary in August or coming in the first 'freedom trains' in September.

While few suggest limiting the flow, many believe urgent measures are needed to slow the flood of emigrants — 185,000 so far this year — by making East Germany a more attractive place to live.

"We can do each other enormous damage," warned Egon Bahr, east-west expert for the opposition Social Democrats (SPD).

Stressing the political and economic problems both countries would face if the 1.4 million East Germans reported eager to leave actually came here, he said: "We can only avoid this if both governments meet as soon as possible."

Klaus Murmann, president of the West German Employers' Association, said the once-roxy outlook for the newcomers was fading with every new wave of arrivals.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and other government officials have been calling with increasing force for reforms that will make East Germany want to stay in their own country.

"East Germany must create conditions for private investment in joint ventures," said Bahr, arguing that economic growth in East Germany would prompt people to stay there.

A West Berlin deputy, Heinrich Lummer, suggested a dual East-West citizenship to East Germans would not feel they had to move to West Germany to enjoy the full freedom to travel that they have sought for so long.

At least 5,000 Czechoslovaks flocked to southwestern Poland this weekend to hear music and discuss authors banned in their own country at a three-day cultural forum organised by Polish Solidarity supporters.

An official youth organisation in Yugoslavia's northwest republic of Slovenia has turned itself into a political party and will compete for power with the ruling communists in elections next March.

Some 200 people chanted for freedom and human rights today at the Palace of Justice, demanding release of one of Czechoslovakia's most prominent dissidents, who could face up to 10 years in prison.

The Polish Communist Party, in disarray following its election defeat last June, said today it will abandon traditional Marxist-Leninist dogmas and form a European-style socialist party at its congress next year.

In a major concession to separatists, authorities in Soviet Georgia have opened the way for a possible referendum on the republic's secession from the Soviet Union, a local popular front spokesman said today.

Koba Imedashvili told Reuters from Tbilisi that the government backed demands by nationalists to introduce a right of referendum into the constitution.



The chairman of TPLF, Meles Zenawi (right) and Seyoum Messele, a member of Central Committee at peace talks in Rome. (Reuters wire-photo)

Tigray rebels advance as peace talks continue

ROME, Nov 6, (Reuters): Ethiopian northern rebel forces have taken civil war closer to the capital Addis Ababa, putting pressure on the government as peace talks in Rome entered their third day today.

The clandestine radio of the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) said yesterday its forces had captured the Mehal Meda district of central Shoa province.

It was the first time the rebels had claimed a victory in Shoa province, heartland of Ethiopia's politically dominant Amhara people, where Addis Ababa is situated.

Ethiopia's Soviet-backed government, which seldom comments on the military situation in the civil war, has not reacted to the rebel claim.

The TPLF began preliminary peace talks with the government in Rome on Saturday and

diplomatic sources said the sides made progress on procedural issues at Sunday's four-hour session.

The Italian government is acting as an independent observer of the talks, which are taking place at a secluded official guest house in Rome's northern suburbs.

The diplomatic sources said the Ethiopian government and the TPLF agreed yesterday that Italy should give all public information about the talks, which are due to set the agenda for full-scale peace negotiations.

Meanwhile, Ethiopian president's personal envoy Kasa Kabay last night met in Tel Aviv with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and delivered him a message from Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam on resuming the diplomatic relations with Israel. Radio Israel reported today.

Mujahedeen kill general, injure two

Salang highway reopens

ISLAMABAD, Nov 6, (AP): One Afghan army general was killed and two other generals were wounded by anti-communist mujahedeen in the southwestern city of Kandahar, government and mujahedeen sources have reported.

The US-backed insurgents also claimed to have killed 39 officers and enlisted men in an attack on an air base in western Afghanistan.

Official Radio Kabul, monitored in Islamabad, said Gen. Ali Akbar, Kandahar corps commander, was decorated and buried yesterday on "martyrs hill" in the Afghan capital.

"He was killed during face-to-face fighting with extremists," the radio reported, referring to the insurgents.

Midia, a joint news agency of Afghan rebels based in Pakistan, earlier reported that mujahedeen launched a rocket attack on the besieged Kandahar airport on Oct 29, wounding two army generals.

They were identified as Akbar and Gen. Halim, military police chief of Kandahar province. It said the Kandahar chief of

military intelligence, Gen. Shamshuddin, was wounded by a rebel-planted mine.

Midia also reported that 11 officers and 18 enlisted men were killed when mujahedeen attacked the Shindand air base in western Farah province.

It did not say when the assault occurred or give further details.

In Moscow, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported yesterday that Afghan government soldiers cleared the vital supply link to the capital of Kabul through the Salang mountain pass in fighting that killed 86 people.

The Tass report said government forces drove back rebels who had been blocking supply convoys on the Salang highway between Kabul and the Soviet border.

It quoted the Afghan military command as accusing the Pakistani secret service and rebel commanders Ahmad Shah Masud and Sufi Payand of organising the blockade of food supplies headed for Kabul.

Tass said 86 people were killed and 12 were wounded in the fighting, but it did not say if the

Eliasson in Iraq to break stalemate

MANAMA, Nov 6, (UPI): UN special envoy Jan Eliasson conferred with Iraqi leaders in Baghdad today in continuing efforts to break the stalemate in Gulf war peace talks, Iraq's official INA news agency reported, but there were few signs of a breakthrough.

Eliasson, who has already visited Baghdad and Tehran on his current trip, which began in Iraq last Tuesday, met today with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi agency reported.

INA gave no details of the talks, other than to say they dealt mainly with ways of "working out formulas to implement the UN Security Council resolution 598, to achieve peace between Iran and Iraq and the entire region."

Eliasson arrived in Baghdad from Tehran late Sunday. While in Tehran, he held talks with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

The Swede gave no details of his talks, but Tehran radio quoted Rafsanjani as telling the UN envoy that Iran was ready to co-operate with the world body in implementing comprehensive peace.

Eliasson said he is hopeful that a breakthrough is possible in the deadlocked peace talks.

Eliasson, Sweden's ambassador to the United Nations, told the Associated Press he had "fruitful discussions" with Iranian leaders during his three-day visit to Tehran.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

Walgrave in Egypt: British Foreign Minister William Walgrave began a two-day visit to Egypt today for talks on the Middle East peace process, a British embassy spokesman said.

Walgrave, who has outraged Israel in the past by criticising its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and referring to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's "terrorist" past, was due to meet Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak tomorrow. (Reuters)

Arafat in Baghdad: PLO chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in Baghdad yesterday to brief Iraqi leaders on a meeting in Cairo of the Palestinian leadership, diplomatic sources said.

Arafat had chaired a meeting of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's executive committee to consider a revised five-point proposal by US Secretary of State James Baker for direct Palestinian-Israeli talks. (Reuters)

Police smash ring: Police have smashed a currency smuggling gang and seized 2 million Iraqi dinars (\$6 million), the official Al Thawra newspaper reported today. The daily, mouthpiece of the Ruling Baath Socialist Party, said the gang comprised foreign truck drivers working between Iraq and neighbouring countries and Iraqi businessmen. (AP)

Oman support: Oman today expressed its full support of the Lebanese parliament's decision on electing Rene Mouawad as president, wishing him success in restoring peace and stability to his country.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said: "The sultanate followed with great concern the meeting of the Lebanese parliament yesterday, during which a new president for Lebanon was elected according to the national reconciliation document which was approved by Lebanese MPs in the meetings of Taif, Saudi Arabia Sept 30-Oct 22." (Kuna)

Mufti prohibits: Mufti of occupied Jerusalem Sheikh Saad Al Adein Al Alami prohibited the purchase of properties taken by force by the Israeli occupation authorities from Beit Sahour inhabitants.

This prohibition came in a Fatwa, deliverance of Islamic legal opinion, from Dar Al Fatwa in occupied Jerusalem following the Israeli government's announcement of selling all confiscated properties in Beit Sahour town. (Kuna)

Arens leaves for Japan: Foreign Minister Moshe Arens departed for an official five-day visit to Japan this morning where he will discuss Middle East peace with that country's leaders.

Arens, who is travelling to Tokyo via Paris, is scheduled to meet with his Japanese counterpart Taro Nakayama on Nov 9. He will also meet with Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, as well as leaders of government and opposition political parties. (AP)

Detainees released: Sudan's military government has released 19 people detained since General Omar Hassan Al Bashir seized power in a June 30 coup, the Khartoum daily Al Engaz Al Watani (National Salvation) reported today.

It quoted Information Minister Ali Shomou as saying the 19 included Nasreddin Al Mahdi, Omar Nour Al Dayem and Bakri Adel, stalwarts of former Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's Umma Party. Nour Al Dayem and Adel served as cabinet ministers under Mahdi. (Reuters)

Constitution to be changed: President Mohamed Siad Barre has appointed a six-member panel to revise Somalia's constitution and allow the formation of opposition parties.

A presidential statement read on state radio today said committee members included human rights lawyer Jamaal Osoobleh, freed on October 25 after four months' detention. (Reuters)

Libyan demands unreasonable: Italian socialist leader Bettino Craxi said Libyan agitation for compensation for Italian colonialism was unreasonable, incomprehensible and unacceptable. (Reuters)

Assad for better ties: Syrian President Hafez Al Assad expressed hope today that relations with the Soviet Union, Syria's main arms supplier, will strengthen further. (Reuters)

Iranian journalist guilty: An Iranian-born journalist who works for the London newspaper Observer is guilty of spying for Britain and Israel, an Iraqi minister was quoted as saying today.

Interviewed by the weekly newspaper Mayo, Latif Nussayil Jassim said Farzad Bazoft, 31, had spied on installations that were closed to the public. (AP)

French school officials refuse to admit scarf-clad girls

CREIL, France, Nov 6, (UPI): Three Muslim girls, who have sparked a national controversy by wearing Islamic headscarves to class, returned to school today but were not admitted to class.

Leila Achaboun, 15, Fatima Achaboun, 14, and Samira Saidani, 14, were not allowed to enter their morning classes when they, again, refused to shed their Islamic chadors or scarves.

School officials, also standing firm on their side of the debate, quickly ushered

the trio to neutral grounds — the high school library, where teachers said they would be willing to tutor them.

An assembly of 62 teachers decided early today that they would not let the chador-clad teenagers into their classrooms until a national advisory board ruled on whether the scarves violated national principles separating church and state.

The girls, who say Islamic beliefs require women to cover their heads in public, were

expelled from school in mid-October for wearing the scarves. They returned to class today after Education Minister Lionel Jospin said recently that wearing chadors in class was not a reason for expulsion.

School officials today summoned the girls' fathers, Mohamed Saidani and Ali Achaboun, both office holders in the National Federation of Muslims in France, in an effort to dissolve the deadlock. But the talks were in vain.

"I pledge to try again to convince my

daughters (to shed the chadors in class) as I have been doing since the beginning," said Achaboun, "but I cannot hit them or force them into doing it."

Creil teachers, who said they were impressed with the amount of academic work the girls had done since their expulsion, offered to tutor the girls outside of the classroom, possibly in the library.

School principal Ernest Chénier said the teachers were being "non-secular, logical and thoughtful."

Soviet Jews shun 'promised land'

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov. 6. (AP) The "promised land" has failed to attract most of the new wave of Soviet Jewish immigrants, but officials have announced a \$3 billion resettlement programme in the hopes of reversing the trend.

Israeli officials hope to lure 100,000 Soviet immigrants over the next three years, a goal many feel is over-optimistic.

This is because the new brand of Soviet emigrants, unlike the exodus of the 1970s, is more interested in lifestyle than ideology.

"(Israel's) message of 'Jews, come home' does not work," Inna Shapiro, who immigrated 14 years ago and recently revisited the Soviet Union, said on Israel's state television.

"Nobody asks if it feels good to be a Jew in Israel. They just want a better life," she said.

Earlier Soviet immigrants mock the materialism of the what they call the "sausage emigrants" — those who seek quality goods, like good sausages, which are in short supply in Moscow.

Mikhail Chlenov, chairman of the newly opened Jewish Cultural Association in Moscow, agreed during a recent visit to

Israel that today's emigrants are different. "They are more assimilated. Their reasons are not specifically Jewish," he said. "Mostly, they are worried over the government's instability, the spread of anti-Semitism, economic crisis."

Perhaps the strongest deterrent to immigration is the experience of many of the 250,000 who settled in Israel since 1967.

Their tribulations in getting good jobs and houses, dealing with the nerve-racking tensions of the Arab-Israeli conflict and finding a place in the insular, native-born Sabra society has filtered back to the

Soviet Union, influencing some potential immigrants to choose the United States.

"Israel's media and society gave the immigrants of the 1970s a hostile reception. Economic incentives granted to new immigrants, especially housing mortgages, have constantly changed for the worse," said Yitzhak Yuzepolsky, an electrical engineer who came here in 1974.

The emigration of the 1970s, he said, included outstanding scientists, engineers and artists who have since left Israel or went directly to the United States because "Israel could not create the minimal conditions necessary for their work."

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Israel says yes to US on 6 conditions

Written assurances sought

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov. 6. (AP) Israel yesterday agreed to a US plan for initial peace talks with Palestinians but sought American assurances that the PLO will have no role in the process.

Vice-Premier Shimon Peres, leader of the centre-left Labour Party, said the 9-3 vote in the decision-making inner cabinet accepted the proposal by US Secretary of State James Baker but also asked for "side assurances."

Foreign Minister Moshe Arens of the right-wing Likud Bloc said Israel is asking for "additional assurances that Secretary Baker, in principle, is ready to give."

"We are hopeful we will get the assurances," he told reporters.

Avi Pazner, a top aide to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, declined to give details of the assurances sought except to say "sum it up in one item: No negotiations with the PLO."

"The next step will be to get the guarantees from the United States and then to start talking about the composition of the Palestinian delegation," Pazner said.

Both Peres and Pazner said Israel wanted the US assurances in writing.

Israel television reported the

government's acceptance of the US plan was based on six assumptions.

One was that Israel would only accept Palestinian delegates from the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Another was that the 1978 Camp David agreements would be the basis for negotiations.

Israel also sought an assurance that Washington would support its position if Israel was forced to leave the talks because the ground rules agreed on with Baker had been violated.

The decision ends the wrangling over the Baker plan between Labour and the right-wing Likud Bloc, partners in Israel's coalition government.

But it was certain to increase dissent in Shamir's Likud bloc, whose hardline members oppose the Baker proposal as a backdoor entry to peace talks for the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Housing Minister David Levy, a leader of the party's hardliners, said the vote would put Israel in a "very difficult situation."

"The PLO in Egypt is coordinating positions ... and everyone here is acting like blind men who don't know what is happening," he told Israel radio.

Science Minister Ezer Weizman, a Labour left-winger,

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Israeli man goes to hospital after being stabbed in the chest by a Palestinian in occupied Jerusalem yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Israeli troops kill Arab as 2 Jews stabbed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov. 6. (Reuters) Israeli troops shot dead a West Bank Palestinian wanted by security forces as he tried to escape into Jordan, an army spokesman said today.

A second man apparently succeeded in crossing the border, she said.

The dead man was identified as Wael Muhammad Daoud Hajahassam, 20, from the West Bank town of Kalkilya.

"A resident of Kalkilya was killed before dawn by an army patrol while trying to cross into Jordan," an army statement said.

"The patrol in the area saw two figures moving east, opened fire and as a result one of those trying to escape was wounded. He was treated by a military doc-

tor but died of his wounds" it said.

The army said Hajahassam was wanted for throwing petrol bombs in Kalkilya and attacking Palestinians suspected of co-operating with the Israeli authorities.

The clash occurred near Mechula, an Israeli settlement close to the Jordanian border in the Bekaa valley.

Arabs stabbed two Israelis yesterday and a Palestinian suspected of collaborating with the Jewish state was found dead from an axe blow to his head.

Avraham Feld, a Jewish resident of Jerusalem, said two Palestinians stabbed him in the chest with a screwdriver in the walled old city. He received slight wounds.

Perfume: Arabs outbuy women

MANAMA, Nov. 6. (UPI) Expensive fragrances have found more male buyers in traditionally hot and spicy Gulf states than in fashion-conscious Europe, and Arab men are spending more on fragrance purchases than women, reporters and retailers said today.

"Male fragrances have found many more users in this region than in Europe," the Dubai-based Gulf News quoted delegates at the Dubai export perfume convention as saying, adding, "Gulf men are outdoing women."

Delegates from Yves Saint Laurent, the Paris fashion house, are holding their convention in Dubai for the first time, indicating the growing importance of the wealthy Gulf market.

Steady oil prices mean relative prosperity has returned to the oil-rich Gulf states. "Arab men, in some ways more than women, adore a good fragrance, whether it be after-shave or perfume, and if they like it, they buy it even if it is expensive," one Bahrain-based retailer in the posh Sheraton shopping mall said.

He said the men bought fragrances both for their own use and to give as gifts to wives, friends and relatives.

"In the hot, humid climate of the Gulf, an expensive fragrance is considered absolutely essential... cheap after-shaves and perfumes are definitely out," the retailer said.

"The Arab tradition of giving gifts means there is a very lucrative market here, especially for the more up-market French perfume houses."

He said the fragrance market in the Gulf was more lucrative on a per capita basis than fashion-conscious Europe.

"It is definitely better here," he said.

Expensive fragrances have become so lucrative in the Gulf that perfume houses have complained of major problems with cheap imitations of their products.

Antoine D'Otrou, director for YSL domestic market promotions, said the company had destroyed some imitations, but there was still a long way to go before the problem could be eradicated.

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A NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM FOR KUWAIT STOCK EXCHANGE



Kuwait Stock Exchange signed a contract on Sunday, 5th November, 1989 with Mohamed Abdulrahman Al-Bahar — UNISYS Computer Division for the supply of a computerized automated trading system.

The contract was signed on behalf of Kuwait Stock Exchange by Mr. Hisham Al Otaibi, Director General, who was accompanied by Mr. Mohamed Borisly, the Data Processing Manager and Mr. Ali Hakim, Technical Consultant. The signing ceremony was also attended by the Communications and Information Technology Group represented by Mr. Farouk Al Sultan and Mr. Mahmood Al Bader.

Mr. Issam Mohamed Al-Bahar signed the contract on behalf of Mohamed Abdulrahman Al-Bahar Est., which is a subsidiary of UNISYS Computer Division. He was accompanied by Mr. Emad Al-Bahar, Group Manager, Consumer Products and Mr. Medhat Ennarah, General Manager, UNISYS Computer Division.

The project will be executed by a consortium of computerized companies represented by Mohamed Abdulrahman Al-Bahar Est., which is a subsidiary of UNISYS Corporation of the USA, Korea Computer Corp., (KOSCOM) of Korea and Coopers & Lybrand (C&L) of UK.

The system is called KUWAIT AUTOMATED TRADING SYSTEM. It is designed to serve the securities brokers, the investors and the Stock Exchange Management. The system will assume a high ranking position in the leading financial markets.

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LOVE truth, but pardon error — Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778).

OPINION

Lebanon must remain free

THE most important reality in Lebanese affairs is that Lebanon must remain free and independent, that peace must return to it and that all invading forces must leave.

The people of Lebanon succeeded in deciding the future of their country when they were given the opportunity to express their opinion freely, away from the killings and destruction.

The Lebanese people have bravely confronted those who wanted to dominate their country. The past 15 years of fighting in Lebanon have proved beyond a shadow of doubt that it was difficult for invading forces to remain in a country against the wishes of its people, even if some of the people co-operated with the invading forces for selfish reasons.

Lebanese have succeeded in expressing their opinion, and any opposition to this opinion is certainly an unobjective one.

The head of the Lebanese transitional government, General Michel Aoun succeeded in setting off the first spark that led to the new situation and also succeeded in drawing the world's attention to the Lebanese crisis. He remained strong and truthful.

It must be realised that each stage has its own men and conditions. General Aoun represented a very important period and nobody can deny this. International and other circumstances, however, sometimes impose a reality that must be implemented, and sometimes this new reality is the right one.

The Lebanese people have now elected Rene Mouawad as President of the independent Republic of Lebanon.

What makes us happy about the new President is his clean history and political background.

Perhaps this is what the current political situation in Lebanon needs. Undoubtedly, the head of the military government realises the importance of this stage. Any zealous patriot will, therefore, be keen to comply with the new situation, particularly as the new President has been elected freely by the Lebanese and not through force or imposition.

The peace stage has begun in Lebanon and the Lebanese people, who have had the sweet taste of the ceasefire, will not accept returning to the former situation, otherwise it will be like fighting a rock.

Happiness over the new developments is certainly not limited to Lebanon and the Lebanese. It is also an Arab happiness.

We certainly do not want to spoil this time of happiness for the Lebanese, otherwise we will be imitating the faulty practices of some Lebanese at the beginning of the civil war, practices for which they themselves paid a heavy price.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Nato to carve out new role

DESPITE sweeping changes in East-West relations the West says the need for Nato has never been stronger.

The Soviet Union still seeks the dissolution of the Western alliance although Moscow's grip has weakened in Eastern Europe.

Western political analysts believe the Kremlin may be ready to wind up its military alliance, the Warsaw Pact, gracefully rather than allow it to crumble with members pulling out one by one.

But the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation rejects Moscow's insistence that there has to be a trade-off with the dismantling of the Western alliance as well.

On the contrary, Nato's leaders argue, the revolutionary changes afoot in Eastern Europe have increased the need for the Atlantic alliance as a fixed point in a rapidly-changing world.

"First, it (Nato) has to manage the process of change in a political environment which has become more and more fluid in recent months," secretary-general Manfred Wörner said at a nuclear planning meeting in Portugal last month.

"Secondly, Nato must provide the main factor of stability in this period of transition," he said.

"The German question ... is going to dominate a lot of discussion about the future of Nato in the 90s," Francois Heisbourg, director of the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies, said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1659 — Peace of the Pyrenees is reached between Spain and France.

1733 — Spain and France sign Treaty of Escurial and form alliance against England.

1807 — Russia breaks off relations with England.

1876 — Russia prepares for war against Turkey.

1920 — Serious famine breaks out in China.

1939 — Sovereigns of Belgium and Holland approach Britain's King George VI advocating peace with Germany.

1956 — British and French declare ceasefire in Egypt, but Britain says it will evacuate troops only on arrival of United Nations emergency force.

1966 — Chinese diplomats walk out of Bolshevik anniversary celebration in Moscow after hearing Soviet criticism of Peking government.

1972 — West Germany and East Germany are set to establish formal relations after 23 years of hostility.

1973 — United States and Egypt announce they will resume diplomatic relations and exchange ambassadors.

1975 — India's supreme court reverses Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's conviction on two electoral offences.

1981 — Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Ustinov says USSR will never allow another nation to achieve military superiority.

1987 — Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba is removed from office by his prime minister who says 84-year-old leader is too senile to rule.

1988 — Powerful earthquake just inside China's mountainous southern border kills 600 people.



Four East German children waving out of a train which gives them a free ride from Prague to West Germany on Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Communism in East Germany crumbling

Focus on unity issue

WITH East Germany's orthodox communist system rapidly crumbling, governments in East and West Europe are having to face a question they have studiously avoided since World War Two — the possibility of German reunification.

The idea of one Germany looms larger every time East Germany lets another of its post-war Stalinist principles fall by the wayside, opening the way to free travel, public protests and criticism in the state media.

The trend raced ahead at the weekend when East Berlin allowed free travel to the West through Czechoslovakia, creating a legal detour around the Berlin Wall that still stands as the most vivid symbol of Germany's division.

East Germans scoffed at their leaders' promises of reform and raced to West Germany in record numbers when the border was unexpectedly flung open.

The United States and the Soviet Union have fuelled the debate about reunification by declaring it was up to Bonn and East Berlin to decide their own future.

President Francois Mitterrand of France also said he could imagine movement towards self-determination for all Germans in the next 10 years.

"I am not afraid of reunification," he told reporters after meeting Chancellor Helmut Kohl. "I think the desire for reunification is legitimate for the Germans. What counts above all is the determination and will of the people."

In Poland, a victim of repeated German aggression for centuries, Solidarity leader Lech Walesa described the division of Warsaw's old foe artificial and said it must be resolved.

When and how the two Germans might come together is anybody's guess but West Germans are now convinced that the issue, which faded to political insignificance during the detente years of the 1970s, is now more pressing than ever.

Four-fifths of West Germans recently polled supported unity and two-thirds believe it could happen. The first poll a West German magazine has been able to take in East Germany found in September that 64 per cent of those questioned supported it.

The pressure to confront the looming 'German question,' as the country's postwar division is known in Bonn, has sent West German politicians scurrying for new ideas on how to deal with most fundamental changes in Europe since World War Two.

This weekend one proposed dual East-West citizenship for all Germans, another urged convertibility of East Germany's weak currency with the muscular Deutschmark and a third suggested Washington and Moscow reduce tensions by withdrawing their troops from German soil.

These and other proposals aim at creating a balance between the two countries so East Germans will want to live in their homeland no matter what form it takes in future. This could be as part of a new Germany, a member of a loose federation with Bonn or a separate but free German-speaking state like Austria.

"The reunification of the Germans cannot take place only in West Germany," a leading Social Democrat, Oskar Lafontaine, said. "Nobody knows what will happen if East Germans are allowed complete freedom to travel."

Not surprisingly, East Berlin's new leader Egon Krenz has spoken out firmly against reunification.

His embattled Communist Party sees reunification as nothing less than a wholesale sellout of the country, its ailing economy and 16 million population to a vigorous capitalist West Germany with almost four times as many people.

While he welcomes the refugees flowing to the West as fellow Germans, he said a continued exodus could not solve East Germany's crisis.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl has repeatedly backed the reunification but has warned that it will not come soon.

"Over 150,000 people will flee here from East Germany by Christmas because they cannot stand it any more at home," he said. "We want them to be able to stay in their homeland and live their lives there."

The chancellor, also keen to dampen fears among allies that Bonn's growing interest in the East might mean less commitment to the West, has repeatedly stated he believes the two Germans can only come together in some sort of free and expanded Europe.

"German problems can only be solved under a European roof," he said. (Bonn — Reuter)

Labour federation election

Massive public opinion poll in Israel

ISRAEL faces a miniature general election next week when the giant Histadrut Labour Federation, which controls trade unions, a bank, an industrial empire and health services, chooses its leaders.

About 1.6 million workers — roughly half of Israel's electorate — are entitled to vote on November 13, although turnout is traditionally low.

The election is both a pointer to the future of Israel's ailing experiment in socialist enterprise and a massive public opinion poll.

While the Labour Party seems sure to retain its control of the General Federation of Labour, prime minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud is mounting the most aggressive challenge ever to what it calls the "Bolshevik economy."

"All around the world these socialistic systems are collapsing. Just look at Eastern Europe," Likud campaign manager Binyamin Begin, son of former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, said in an interview.

Likud's answer is privatisation.

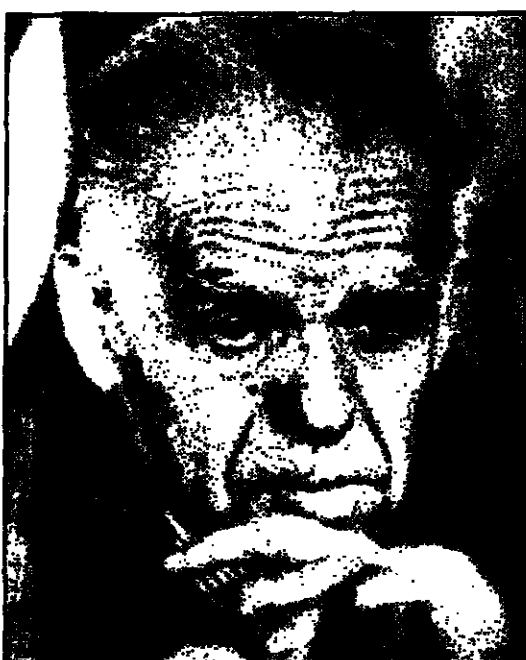
"We think a separation is long overdue between Histadrut's function as a trade union and its role as an owner of factories. We propose to resolve that contradiction by selling one-third of the shares to workers, one-third to private enterprise and one-third to the public via the stock exchange," Begin said.

Shamir, whose party is the senior partner in a unity government formed with Labour last December, has tried to turn the election into another political test, declaring the result will have "diplomatic significance."

He is seeking a vote of confidence for his refusal to talk to the PLO and his resistance to Egyptian and US efforts to draw Israel into a dialogue with PLO-appointed Palestinians.

Likud officials say Shamir hopes to repeat his success of last February, when he turned municipal polls into a referendum and broke Labour's long-standing control over local government.

Likud has never won more than 29 per cent in a Histadrut election, so a vote of more than 30 per cent



Yitzhak Shamir

could be hailed as a triumph. The rightists also hope to win control of a handful of Israel's 65 local Labour councils.

"If Likud makes gains in Labour's home and castle, it will be the third time in a year that Likud has proved its ability to dominate the central square of Israeli politics," Begin said.

Labour, which won more than 60 per cent in the last Histadrut election in 1985, is fighting desperately to win more than 50 per cent this time.

"So far Labour has controlled the whole show. Falling under 50 per cent would be a tremendous humiliation for the party," said Susan Hattis Rolef,

editor of the Labour movement monthly Spectrum.

Some Labour activists believe another setback would hasten the fall of party leader and Vice-Premier Shimon Peres, who has led Labour unsuccessfully in four general elections since 1977.

Likud has focused its campaign on what it calls bureaucratic mismanagement of Histadrut's health care system and its troubled enterprises, which account for 30 per cent of Israel's industrial output and 25 per cent of gross domestic product.

It wants to break up Koor industries, the debt-burdened Labour-owned conglomerate which employs 20,000 workers and makes everything from steel to electrical goods, food and military equipment.

Histadrut, which also owns one of the country's two biggest sports federations, is a major source of patronage with hundreds of jobs to be distributed to political supporters. Likud is keen to tap this patronage network for its own clientele.

Three small left-wing groups, Mapam, the citizens rights movement and a combined communist and Arab list, are all likely to draw votes away from Labour.

Mapam, a collectivist Socialist Party previously allied with Labour, could win some 12 per cent under the charismatic leadership of Yair Tsaaban, a leftist parliamentarian.

Labour has focused its campaign on preserving Histadrut as a source of jobs and social security at a time when unemployment, at nine per cent, is unusually high by Israeli standards.

The narrow face of Israel Kessar, the Yemenite-born Histadrut secretary-general, glares from giant billboards beside the slogan "Labour — your security."

But Labour has stifled its own internal discussion on the future of the medical and pension funds, plagued by deficits, and of Histadrut enterprises.

"Labour is keeping the debate quiet about the future of Histadrut. The real debate will take place only after the elections," said Hattis Rolef. — Reuter

Profile

Rene Mouawad — an ultra-polite politician

RENE MOUAWAD, elected Lebanon's ninth president on Sunday is known as a crafty card player and an ultra-polite politician who has loyally served 32 years in the country's parliament.

As a moderate Maronite Christian he has taken a pragmatic stance throughout Lebanon's bloody civil war, he advocates Muslim-Christian co-existence and acknowledges Syria's role in Lebanon — a stance that puts him at odds with Lebanon's other Christian leader General Michel Aoun.

The 64-year-old President was born in Zghorta, a Maronite town about 40 miles (64 km) north of Beirut that has been controlled by the Syrian Army since 1976. Zghorta is also the hometown of former president Suleiman Franjeh who ruled Lebanon between 1970 and 1976.

The rather short and but always outwardly calm new president, often the butt of jokes because of his cartoonish large nose, loves swimming and says he reads a lot. He is married to Nayla Issa Al Khoury and has two children, Rima and Michel.

Mouawad, received a law degree from St Joseph University of Beirut and has run a thriving law practice since 1957. His colleagues say they have

great respect for his legal abilities and respect for authority.

His debut in Lebanon's political scene came the same year he opened his law office when he was elected a parliamentary deputy from his hometown.

He remained in the legislature until today and served in three Lebanese cabinets as post and telecommunications minister in 1961, finance minister in 1969 and finally as education minister in 1980.

"No one can hate Rene," said Zeina Miskawi a friend of the new president.

"He is a chameleon who speaks everybody's language — like a professional diplomat," she said.

His high school teacher, 70-year-old Josef Naser said that Mouawad was known for his politeness, elegance and quiet nature. "Every one liked Rene," he said.

Naser said that Mouawad has never engaged himself in old feuds between his family and other powerful clans, like the Franjehs and Doweihis in Zghorta.

"His quiet nature is also reflected in his political attitude," said a veteran journalist who covered Mouawad's activities in the Parliament.

However, he also remembered Mouawad as avoiding controversy by fence sitting on most contentious issues.

The moderate parliamentarian who never indulged in the factional bloodshed in Lebanon, has strong views about the Muslim-Christian coexistence in Lebanon.

He once told reporters "Lebanon could not prevail except through solidarity between the Lebanese."

On the controversial issue of the Syrian presence in Lebanon, Mouawad believes that "there is no solution to the Lebanese ordeal without the active help of Syria to which Lebanon is bound geographically, historically and nationally."

Mouawad was among the 62 Lebanese deputies who discussed the peace accord in Taif, Saudi Arabia. He signed the accord with 57 other deputies on Oct 23 and is pledged to carry out its content, according to reliable parliamentary sources.

The accord provides for equal distribution of power between the Muslims and the Christians and a phased withdrawal of some 35,000 Syrian troops from Lebanese territory. (Beirut — UP)

Letters to the Editor

Sports festival

SIR: This refers to the letter discipline lacking (AT Nov 4) by Ms Meena of Farwaniya regarding Bangladesh children's sports festival.

First of all, this particular event of Oct 27, in its true sense, was a festival, not a championship. It was organised by a group of Bangladeshis on non-profit basis, only to promote recreational sports spirit amongst Bangladeshi children, purely as a community service.

While constructive criticism is always welcome and any destructive criticism in never to spare, I, being one of the members of the organising committee and marshal of the field, like to clarify some of the vindictive approaches of Meena just to bring to the notice of the readers:

When the participants are as small as LKG toddlers, most of whom confuse their own names, it is not that easy and fast to maintain discipline in distribution of dresses and fixation of number tags to about 300 children of 13 different groups. In fact, parents were called in to help expedite the process, which was one of the most important part of the whole game. Meena could help us to save her and our prime factor of life time. October sun at 9 am is not that scorching (max. temperature was about 28°C) and a delay of about one hour (sports events began at 10.30 am instead of 9.30 am) was not unjustified. Patience would pay better.

Music at march past is not a new idea to be borrowed from anybody, not by the committee at the least. For Meena's information, many of the committee members did participate in and organised such events before. So, it is not wise to undermine the committee, a bad way of appreciation!

Despite repeated calls, some of the parents did not leave the ground; true. But whom to blame for that? Being a parent/participant, Meena could also play her part of responsibility, as such voluntary help was welcome throughout the day with great appreciation.

Field judges were selected from sport oriented parents. There could be better judges but I am sure, they were definitely not unjust or biased. It is really nasty to criticise educated people that way. It was a policy not to interfere with the field judges unless there existed complicated situation. No such case has been reported to the committee/judges. Where was Meena on that day?

The reporting of the event in the newspapers was done by their correspondents. We did not choose a particular picture or leave another. Names of only top winners (2-golds, at least) appeared in the news. Meena gets out of norms by mentioning about the committee members whose names were printed in another daily. It clearly proves her narrow idea about organizational activities. The committee (who are both employees and parents like others) had not only worked on that very day but had to spend the whole month of October to present such an event for the community children. It is my request for Meena to read the last paragraph of that report for her false allegation. I am more constructive for Meena to call me of the convening to suggest or advise the committee before putting her complaints in the newspaper.

Finally, I would cordially invite Meena to actively participate and co-operate with the committee in future to make such an event a big success or to organise such a festival herself, demonstrating better discipline and justice.

Astrafel Islam, Sunwahik.

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Quote me

"Now there are two types of revolutionaries, two types of socialists; two types of communists: good ones and bad ones... and according to the imperialist definition, we — what an honour — are among the bad ones."

We are bad because we are incorrigible, because we don't do what imperialism tells us to do, because we don't let and play around with capitalism in this country."

Cuban leader Fidel Castro in a speech on Oct 28.

"When I get into the pressure situations, I always seem to come up with the big shots." — Aaron Krickstein maintaining he plays well when under pressure.

"I don't mind who's sitting opposite me. If a computer should win, of course, I would have to challenge it to protect the human race." — Soviet world chess champion Garry Kasparov over outmanoeuvring a computer, Deep Thought, in two chess games.

"I DON'T hold anything against him. But young guys these days are not like young guys of the older days. The only language he speaks is on the court so it was nice to play the way I can play. He's 17 and I'm 30. I have two kids and he travels with his mum. I've been around a long time and I deserve the respect." — John McEnroe demanding respect from Michael Chang after beating him in the Paris Open.

"THIS is the only big marathon I haven't won," she said. "I have won London (four times), Boston (twice) and Stockholm (twice). I would like to win this." — Norwegian Ingrid Kristiansen on her elusive New York Marathon efforts.

"I'm not in shape to run 2:20, and this is not the course to do it. But if I don't run under 2:25, even if I win, I will be very disappointed." — Ingrid Kristiansen setting her goal for the New York Marathon.

"IT'S always difficult to come to New York and try to compete with Grete for the crowd, because she is so popular. But the crowd in New York is nice, even if you're not Grete Waitz." — Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway admitting to her compatriot, Grete Waitz, popularity with the New York Marathon crowd.

"I DEPART as always with confidence that the safety of the government is assured in the care of the people." — Corazon Aquino, Philippine President before embarking on a trip to Canada.

"I think I was five rounds in front. I was surprised the referee allowed the fight to continue so long. When you are taking punches like he was you can't continue. He was too brave for his own good." — Azumah Nelson of Ghana, WBC superfeatherweight champ, after stopping Briton Jim McDonnell in the 12th round of a boxing bout.

"Soccer in the United States has gotten considerably more press than it did preceding the announcement of the World Cup coming here. The national teams have gotten good coverage. Already there are clear benefits. But it is probably the hardest thing to measure." — USSF boss Werner Fricker on interest in soccer in the United States.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Dollar rises in quiet trade

LONDON, Nov 6, (Reuters): A lack of fresh market-moving news left share and currency markets largely becalmed in Europe today, dealers said.

"The market has run out of steam," said a share dealer in Paris, noting that most investors were looking to the United States for a signal on which way to move.

The dollar was trapped in a narrow range during the European trading day but closed slightly higher.

"I still feel hard to break the dollar's recently established ranges in the absence of fresh factors," said Tameo Ohmori, senior manager at Sanwa Bank's foreign exchange section in London.

The dollar has been moving between 1.82 and 1.87 West German marks in the past few weeks, he noted.

The dollar closed in London at 1.8509 marks and 143.55 Japanese yen after ending on Friday at 1.8440 and 142.65.

Shares in London surrendered nearly all their early gains after Wall Street opened sharply lower on a wave of programme-selling, dealers said.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares closed 3.5 points lower at 2,169.6.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was 27.26 points down at 2,602.25 by noon in New York.

Gold closed in London at \$379.50 an ounce after a previous finish of \$378.

Traders elsewhere said the dollar continued to benefit from better-than-expected US unemployment figures released Friday. Some said the currency could get a boost from US Treasury bill auctions scheduled for Tuesday.

In Tokyo, where trading ended before Europe's business day begins, the dollar fell 0.30 yen to a closing 143.45 yen.

Other dollar rates at mid-morning compared with late Friday:

— 1.8508 West German marks, up from 1.8470.

— 1.6240 Swiss franc, up from 1.6210.

— 2.0917 Dutch guilders, up from 2.0825.

— 1.1715 Canadian dollar, down from 1.1723.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose 1.32 to close at \$378.55.

Silver was quoted in London at a bid price of \$5.23 a troy ounce, down from Friday's \$5.28.

Stocks

SYDNEY, Nov 6, (Reuters): The share market closed barely steady in very thin trade. The All Ordinaries index closed 0.1 points down at 1,657.0.

TOKYO: Stocks closed easier in modest trade as major players hugged the sidelines on rumours of a discount rate rise. The Nikkei index eased 0.86 points to close at 3,434.00.

HONG KONG: Bargain-hunting in banking and utility stocks pushed the main stock indicator higher at the close but off its morning peak. The Hang Seng index on 16.33 to 2,756.12.

SINGAPORE: Share prices closed slightly lower across the board after thin trade and the Straits Times Industrial Index fell 7.96 to end at 1,322.83.

BOMBAY: Prices fell sharply on heavy selling triggered by rumours the exchange authorities planned to stop forward trading in volatile stocks. Hoechst and Mico fell 60 rupees to 1,370 and 740.

Arab economy discussed: Saqr

ABU DHABI, Nov 6, (Kuna): Chairman of Kuwait Chamber of Trade and Industry Abdel Aziz Hamid Al Saqr said the Arab Chambers meeting has fully discussed Arab economic issues, joint Arab market, economic unity and inter-Arab co-operation.

He told Kuna that heads of Arab Chambers agreed on organising a seminar by the end of 1990, especially for discussing Euro-Arab co-operation in light of the upcoming European single market in 1992.

Arab countries, he added, should continue their efforts to determine how best they can handle the new economic developments.

Al Saqr said heads of the joint Arab Chambers will meet in Kuwait next February, for discussing the chambers' strategies and relations with the various parties.

Opec nations' bank deposits increase

GENEVA, Nov 6, (Kuna): As a result of the sharp increase in oil prices during the first five months of 1989, the flow of funds deposited by Opec countries to the BIS (Bank for International Settlements) reporting banks increased by \$8.6 billion during the second quarter.

According to the report by the Basel-based BIS, on international banking and financial market developments for the second quarter of 1989, the above expansion was 'their largest quarterly increase since 1980.'

The increase in the deposits was almost fully accounted for by Middle Eastern Opec members, with the largest identified additions to the outstanding balances in the big reporting area being recorded for Saudi Arabia (\$3.3 billion) and Kuwait (\$2.5 billion).

Opec countries in the Middle East also borrowed \$2.7 billion during the second quarter, whereas other Opec members reduced their outstanding indebtedness with the reporting banks by \$1.1 billion.

In particular, sizeable contractions in banks' claims were recorded for Algeria, (5-0.7 billion), Venezuela and Nigeria (5-0.7 billion each).

With regards the overall business developments with countries outside the reporting area, the BIS report noted that the identified claims on these countries, which had decreased by \$0.5 billion in the first quarter, fell by a further \$6.1 billion.

At the same time, deposits by outside-area countries with the reporting

banks continued to increase, by \$7.9 billion. As a result of these additional net inflows of funds, by end-June 1989, the outstanding net claims of the reporting banks on outside-area countries had contracted to \$171 billion, or by one-third within the space of two and a half years.

The \$8.4 billion decline in banks' reported gross claims on non-Opec developing countries was widespread, but the most pronounced contraction was recorded for Latin America — a

drop of \$5.3 billion, after a decrease of \$3 billion during the first quarter.

In Asia, business with China fell off sharply in connection with the political unrest in the country, according to the report. China drew down its deposits with the reporting banks by \$3.8 billion or 18 per cent, and at the same time paid back \$1.2 billion.

The only major group of outside-area countries to receive sizeable new credits from the reporting banks during the period under review was eastern

Europe. Moreover, the bulk of the new credits was extended to the Soviet Union.

A significant feature of the second-quarter results was that the sharp expansion in international banking activity recorded during previous quarters came to an abrupt halt. The outstanding external assets of BIS reporting banks, which had surged by \$212 billion in the first quarter of 1989, contracted for the first time in five years, by \$7.6 billion.



Syria's Omar oilfield

Syrian workers joining two pipelines for low-pressure unit at Omar oilfield in north-eastern Syrian town Dyr Az-Zawr. Syrian oil minister said that a big plant will be built soon to treat some 4.5 million cubic metres of associated gas of the field. (Reuters wirephoto)

Greek shares fall sharply

Reaction to general election

ATHENS, Nov 6, (Reuters): The Greek stock market fell sharply today in what traders said was a reaction to the failure of the conservative New Democracy Party to win an absolute majority in Sunday's general election.

The stock market's General Index fell 47 points or nine per cent to 473 after a steep rise amid expectations New Democracy would have its first clear majority since 1981 and be able to initiate a programme of sweeping economic changes.

"Investors counted on New Democracy winning an absolute majority and believed its policies would encourage growth and optimism in the economy," trader Dimitris Gravanis said.

Traders noted the drop today was less than the 10 per cent fall after an inconclusive election in June, which led to an unprecedented conservative-communist coalition government.

The bourse recovered from that fall and the

index hit a record 527.7 points on October 2. Since then strong company results, notably in construction and banking, have kept the bourse buoyant. It has already recovered most of the losses after mid-October's global share sell-off, when the index dropped to 455 points.

Generally the market has done well in recent months, with the index rising from around 270 points at the end of March.

Dealers said that 20 to 30 per cent of buyers in recent months have been from Western Europe.

They said the post-election fall today was orderly and trading was moderate.

"No developments on forming a government are expected for the next 10 days," trader Panayiotis Kontalexis said. "So we don't expect a rise in prices during this period but there is no reason for a dramatic fall either. There will be small ups and downs with few transactions."

Exxon disaster

Tankers insurance rate to rise

LONDON, Nov 6, (Kuna): The cost of insuring big tanker fleets is set to rise substantially next year in the wake of the recent disaster of the Exxon Valdez, it was reported here today.

The specialised newspaper, Lloyd's List, said that the oil majors face higher liability insurance rates as reinsurers are seeking a rise of ten cents or more on the 32 cents per gross ton premium they currently charge.

The grounding of the Exxon Valdez in Alaska in March produced an oil spill that has so far cost some \$1.2 billion in cleaning up costs, although how much the insurance claim is likely to be is still unclear.

The British Shipping Insurance Association, which has eight major oil companies in membership, is increasing its

advance call for next year by 12.5 per cent and has warned that any specific increases in reinsurance costs will be passed on, the publication added.

A gallon of gasoline costs nearly one cent less than it did two weeks ago, thanks to a seasonal downward push and a rise in crude oil production, an oil industry analyst said yesterday.

Between Oct 20 and Nov 3, the price of an average gallon of gasoline fell 0.95 cents to 108.16 cents, said Tribby Lundberg, who regularly surveys prices at 12,000 stations nationwide.

The drop was about twice that which occurred in the prior two week period, said Lundberg in a telephone interview from Louisville, Kentucky.

Harrods unveils

Crystal table

LONDON, Nov 6, (Reuters): Top people's store Harrods has unveiled a £1 million (\$1.58 million) table made of crystal and buyers are already expressing an interest.

The half-tonne table, made by French crystal house Baccarat, is five feet (1.5 metres) long and three feet (one metre) high with a gold-plated base on its top decorated with cherubs.

"We have already had several serious inquiries," said Lee Sales for Harrods.

One shopper who signed Harrods crystal department visitors' book was unimpressed.

"Oh, for a brick," the shopper wrote.

Soviet team to visit Iraq

BAGHDAD, Nov 6, (AP): A Soviet economic mission is due in Baghdad Thursday to review trade and economic links with Iraq over the next decade, including the post-war reconstruction drive.

The senior Soviet trade official in Baghdad, Anatoli Kolotilkin, said: "The mission will study and draw up an economic co-operation plan until the year 2000."

He said the decision to assess future economic and trade relations was taken during a visit to Baghdad by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze in April following last year's ceasefire in the war with Iran.

Kolotilkin said the mission will include several economic experts who will review with Iraqi officials how the Soviet Union can participate in Iraq's economic development project.

The Soviet Union is Iraq's major weapons supplier and a key trade partner.

Trade last year totalled more than \$2 billion and was expected to rise this year.

That figure does not include Iraq's military debt to the Soviet Union. There were no figures available on that, but some diplomats estimate it around \$4-5 billion.

Kolotilkin played down Iraq's military debt and said Baghdad was making payments regularly after "we reached an agreement on that last year."

Iraq's foreign debt of \$60-70 billion, incurred during the 8-year war with Iran, has hampered Baghdad's efforts to pay for post-war reconstruction.

Around half its foreign debt is to Arab countries that grouped the economy up during the Gulf war.

The Soviets, who have a friendship treaty with Baghdad, have recently been bolstering relations with Iran. That includes weapons sales, although Moscow has assured Baghdad the Iranians will only get defensive systems.

Baghdad is particularly interested in signing defence-related deals with Moscow to provide advanced technology and technical assistance to develop its own arms industry.

Iraq has been negotiating, with some success, with its creditors to reschedule debt payments while it reconstructs.

France, Iraq's second ranking arms supplier, agreed in September to reschedule around \$2.5 billion owed to Paris.

That ended a three-year financial dispute that had slowed down important arms contracts and major construction projects.

Kolotilkin said Iraq and the Soviet Union have "solved outstanding financial problems" due to delays in Iraq paying off its debts to Moscow.

He gave no figures. But Moscow is understood to have extended an estimated \$5 billion in 20-year, low-interest trade and development credits.

Kolotilkin said the Soviets bought Iraqi goods worth about \$1.5 billion, mainly oil, last year.

GCC-EEC accord might be delayed

Gulf customs pact vital

BAHRAIN, Nov 6, (Reuters): Failure by Gulf Arab states to adopt identical import duties could delay a free trade pact with the European Economic Community, Bahrain's Development and Industry Minister Yusef Shirawi said today.

Shirawi said he hoped the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) would make an import duties pact a priority at its December summit in Oman to pave the way for a long-awaited accord with the European Economic Community, its main trading partner.

"Without a unified policy on customs tariffs, any dialogue between the European Economic Community and the GCC will not achieve results, but this is not going to be an easy job," Shirawi said.

The oil-producing GCC states — Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab

Emirates (UAE) — want the EEC to lift stiff tariffs on their petrochemical, refined and aluminium products.

Cheaply-produced Gulf petrochemicals are effectively blocked from the EEC by quotas, as well as by tariffs of between 12 and 14 per cent.

The GCC imports nearly all its food and manufactured goods and most EEC exports enter duty-free.

Economists say about 41 per cent of total GCC imports, worth nearly \$45 billion, enter the bloc with little or no duty while only nine per cent attract the maximum 20 per cent rate.

Repeated attempts by GCC states to agree a common scale of import duties have so far failed, preventing full implementation of a 1984 GCC economic agreement.

Regional industry sources say the main dissenter is the UAE, which wants lower customs duties to promote its booming trade. Most of the other GCC states would prefer higher tariffs to protect their fledgling industries.

Accord

Shirawi said the EEC had made clear the two blocs could only finalise a free trade pact when the GCC states had reached a unified customs accord.

Economists say the community had a record \$4.4 billion trade surplus in 1988 with the GCC.

Shirawi said a six per cent European tariff on primary aluminium exports from the Gulf was a major problem.

"We want the EEC to get rid of this tariff. We consider the aluminium a raw material and they need it in Europe," he said.

Aluminium plants in Bahrain and Dubai are being expanded and Saudi Arabia and Qatar are each planning to build one.

Shirawi said he was concerned at press reports that the EEC might phase out restrictions on Gulf exports over between eight and 16 years.

"Sixteen years is too long. If they're going to continue putting up those barriers, we'll go to developing areas which don't have them," he said.

Status

He said the GCC wanted to upgrade itself to "preferred nation" status with the EEC. In June 1988 the two sides signed a modest trade and co-operation accord granting each other "most favoured nation" status.

The agreement was intended as a prelude to a broader pact. European and Gulf producers and consumers of petrochemicals are due to meet in Brussels in January and the first industrial co-operation conference between the EEC and GCC will take place in Granada, Spain, in February.

Third World nations meet

Summit to discuss debt

GENEVA, Nov 6, (Reuters): Indebted Third World nations today began preparations for a summit to discuss ways of reducing their debt and to rival the annual Group of Seven (G-7) meeting of industrialised countries.

Representatives of 15 African, Asian and Latin American nations held the first meeting of the so-called G-15 group, which was set up during September's summit of the Non-aligned Movement in Belgrade.

They aim to hold a summit on Third World economic issues, which diplomatic sources said could take place in Geneva early next year.

The G-15 is made up of Non-Aligned bloc members Algeria, Argentina, Egypt, Indonesia, India, Jamaica, Malaysia, Nigeria, Peru, Senegal, Venezuela, Yugoslavia, Zimbabwe as well as non-members Brazil and Mexico.

The main aim of its co-founders, President Alan Garcia of Peru and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, was to channel proposals to the G-7 on reducing the burden of the developing countries' \$1.9 trillion debt.

The sources said the issue would feature high on the planned summit's agenda.

Efforts would also focus on ways to boost co-operation between developing nations, protectionism, international monetary

instability and reduced financial assistance to the Third World, they said.

The preparatory meeting, which ends on Tuesday, was attended by personal representatives of G-15 heads of state or government and a handful of ministers, the sources said.

South Korea has been flooded with requests for loans from many countries, including some in the socialist East bloc, officials said today.

Thanks to strong exports, Korea's current account has shown sizeable surpluses since 1986, when it was the world's fourth biggest debtor among developing nations, with \$47 billion of external debts. Government economists now say Korea will become a net creditor nation early next year.

Officials at the Finance Ministry said that so far, 23 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America have formally applied for a total of \$760 million in soft loans from the government's Economic Development Co-operation Fund (EDCF).

The fund, now amounting to \$200 million but due to be increased over the next few years, was launched in 1987 to extend loans on easy terms to help developing countries finance their economic development.

These loans are repayable over 20 years at interest of four to five per cent a year.

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Average Soviets earn less than Americans

CIA study shows life expectancy in USSR higher than US

WASHINGTON, Nov 6, (AP): The CIA says the average Soviet citizen earned the equivalent of \$8,850 last year, less than half the average American's earnings of \$19,970.

The Central Intelligence Agency's "Handbook of Economic Statistics 1989" shows the US figure was higher than that of other major non-communist countries, with the average Japanese shown as earning \$14,340 and the average West German \$14,260.

Earnings of the average American grew by 2.9 per cent in 1988; the average Soviet citizen enjoyed an increase of only 0.5 per

cent. The handbook's 1988 edition did not include a figure for the Soviet Union, though other statistics indicate the average citizen's earnings there was \$8,363 in 1987, compared with \$18,200 for the average American.

The CIA makes these comparisons on a "purchasing power" basis. That means it does not translate foreign earnings into dollars at prevailing exchange rates, but at theoretical rates that would equalise the cost of a basket of goods and services in the two countries being compared. The document did not say what those

theoretical rates were.

A few other comparisons were given for 1988: life expectancy was 69 years for the Soviet Union, 75 years for the United States and 78 years for Japan. The average American used up energy equal to burning 56 barrels of oil, while the average Soviet consumed only 35 barrels worth.

There were a few more cars than one for every two Americans — 572 per thousand — and only one for every 24 Soviets — 42 per thousand, according to the CIA. The Soviet figure came from 1986 and may have grown by 1988.

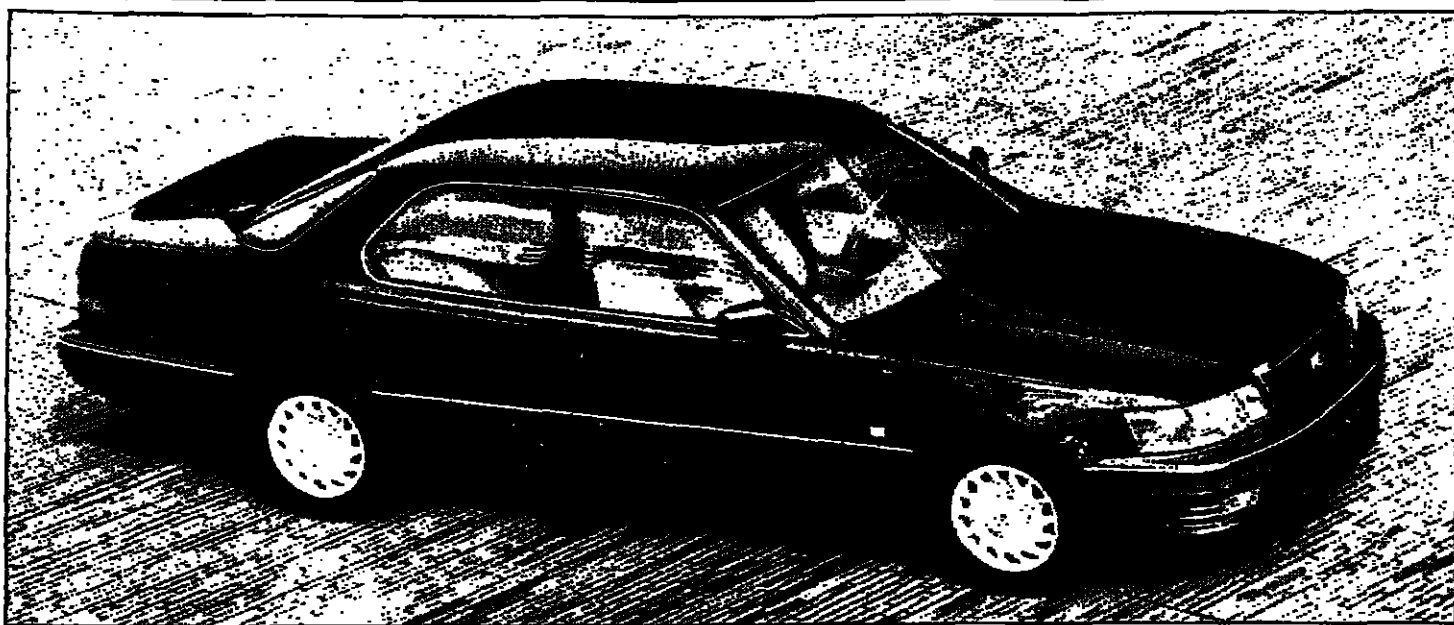
Soviet international trade was closer to

balance than America's: the United States imported \$128 billion worth of goods more than it exported, while the Soviets had a surplus equal to \$3.4 billion.

Total production of goods and services in the Soviet Union was valued at \$2.5 trillion, compared with \$4.9 trillion for the United States. The Soviet population was larger at mid-year, 296.4 million compared with 246 million for the United States.

Coal Minister Mikhail I. Shchadov met with striking coal miners in the Soviet Arctic today in an attempt to end a walk-out that officials say threatens winter supplies of fuel.

BUSINESS



The new Lexus LS400 car which will be in Kuwait by 1990.

Toyota enters luxury market

TOYOTA, together with Mohamed Naser Al Sayer & Sons Est have been known in Kuwait as the leaders in the quality volume vehicle business. It is at this time that Toyota Motor Corporation have decided in conjunction with its distribution network to enter the luxury car market.

The new Lexus passenger car brings the Toyota product range into the BMW, Mercedes and Jaguar class and as far as finish is concerned on a par with even Rolls Royce.

Lexus LS400 will be officially on sale in Kuwait during the first half of 1990.

This car is powered by a newly developed V8, 4.0 litre engine, has the very latest of electronic equipment and gives the most comfortable, smooth and quietest ride of any car in this class. It has been developed over a five-year period, subjected to the most rigorous tests in countries ranging from Australia to the United States to Europe and very extensively in the Middle East.

From the very secretive testing of this car in the Gulf area over the past three years, it has emerged as a leader in its class.

So as to emphasise the superiority of Lexus and Toyota in general, two very important decisions have been taken:

1. Lexus does not carry the Toyota name and has its own logo.

2. At the same time, Toyota has introduced a new logo for all of its remaining vehicle products.

For Lexus, as this car is so reliable and standards are so high, the warranty is 3 years.

The LS400 is the most eloquent statement of the Lexus product philosophy: to offer uncompromised automotive engineering, design, luxury and quality in a sophisticated new class in high-performance, luxury automobiles.

Powered by a 4.0-litre, multi-cam, multi-valve aluminium V-8 engine, suspended on independent double wishbones, and braked by massive four-wheel discs with antilock brakes, the LS400 delivers velvety smooth high performance.

The LS400's exterior styling expresses the Lexus philosophy by combining elegant, timeless good looks with outstanding aerodynamics. Every line and curve of the LS400 body has been carefully thought out to combine beauty and function.

Inside, the LS400 makes a similar statement. Elegant simplicity and quiet substance characterize its spacious five-passenger interior. The materials chosen, whether genuine wood, warm fabric or soft leather, demonstrate painstaking attention to harmony of colour and texture as well as durability.

Economic forecasts in US benign

NEW YORK, Nov 6, (AP): After a decade of warnings that Americans were sitting atop a powder keg of over-inflated, debts and trade deficits, the gloomy US economic forecasts have turned remarkably benign.

Alan Greenspan thinks a recession can be avoided and inflation reduced to zero in a few years, and Michael Boskin sees growth of at least 2 per cent well into 1990, along with falling inflation and low unemployment.

These are experts with top credentials and responsibilities, Greenspan being chairman of the Federal Reserve, and Boskin chairman of the president's council of economic advisers. But if they set the pace, they have plenty of followers.

In fact, it is rather unusual to hear economists not mention the word recession except to say the US economy isn't likely to have one in 1990. There are exceptions, of course, but not nearly in such numbers as in other years.

It is typical, for example, for forecasters of the next year to employ caveats—just in case—and the most common of these warn that chances of inflation or recession will grow as the year wears on.

It is a wise practice, because nobody really can see that far ahead, given the economy's propensity to be rattled by wars, financial crises, politics, trade restraints and numerous other factors.

But those warnings are not nearly as prominent this year.

The forecast by the conference board's panel of senior financial executives, released today, is an example of the new kind. It contains no recession or inflation warning.

Instead, the panel says the US economy will avoid recession, worsening interest rates and rising inflation not just next year but in the year 1991 as well. Only one member of the panel expressed fear of a recession in that time.

"The good news from the panel is that we will not suffer a recession during the next two years," said Vincent Massaro, an economist with the board, a private, non-partisan research group.

Such a forecast, coming after seven years of economic expansion, one of the longest ever, is remarkable.

But the feeling of conviction is reinforced by Massaro's observation that, while the panel's forecast was made prior to the latest stock market plunge, "it is doubtful panelists would alter their views if they were polled today."

The American public seems to share the confidence, since so-called consumer confidence surveys indicate a continuation of intentions to shop, boosted in part by a low level of unemployment and a high sense of job security.

Another report from the conference board, this one on consumer confidence, is particularly interesting because of its timing. Returns from consumers were obtained before, during and after the latest stock market plunge.

"The sharp stock market decline in late October appears to have had little or no effect on consumers," said the pronouncement by Fabian Linden, director of the board's consumer research centre.

Are Americans really that confident? Have they really adapted that well to crises? Can an economy that already has grown for seven straight years continue to do so over the next two?



Alan Greenspan

Asia-Pacific forum to explore economic ties

Scepticism won over

CANBERRA, Australia, Nov 6, (AP): The concept of a new forum designed to chart the economic future of the Asia-Pacific region won endorsement today from Southeast Asian nations that initially had expressed scepticism.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, at the opening of the two-day, 12-nation conference of foreign and trade ministers from Pacific rim countries, said the "time had come" to explore more effective means of economic co-operation.

Alatas said this could best be achieved by using the existing Association of Southeast Asian Nations as the basis for an expanded organisation.

Alatas is the current chairman of an Asean committee on a new regional forum. Asean comprises some of the fastest growing economies in the region, and includes Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei and the Philippines.

Asean leaders have been concerned that the Australian initiative for a new group to include Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Japan and Canada could overshadow their organisation.

"Enhanced Asia-Pacific economic co-operation should not be directed toward the formation of an inward-looking economic or trading bloc," he said at the first closed-door session. "On the contrary, it should strengthen the open multilateral economic trading systems of the world."

This echoed the theme of Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke's inaugural remarks, in which he warned that "new challenges have emerged to threaten the multilateral trading system."

Australia has expressed concern at the United Nations and other international forums that the 1992 advent of the single European market and US-Canada free trade area threaten world trade.

Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Nakayama called the Canberra meeting "a historic step" in Asia-Pacific co-operation.

"The world has been watching in wonder as this region has achieved its spectacular development," he said, adding that this success has been "underpinned by the free exchange of goods and capital."

He warned against the "rising tide of protectionism," urged "unbridled private sector activity" and offered Japanese assistance as the region develops its human resources.

During the next two days, the conference, which has attracted 27 ministers, 211 officials and 246 press, will discuss the possible form of the organisation, its management and goals.

The ministers, who include US Secretary of State James Baker, will also discuss whether China, Hong Kong and Taiwan should be asked to join the group.

The three were not invited because China claims sovereignty over both Hong Kong and Taiwan and objected to their separate presences.

Conference sources who asked not to be identified said China's bloody suppression of the pro-democracy movement last June also played a role in the decision.

Hawke reiterated Australia's position that lowering of trade barriers of the European Economic Community in 1992 and the US-Canadian free trade agreement were potential threats to the international trading system.

"One of the reasons why the time for regional economic co-operation has at last arrived is that important new challenges have emerged to threaten the multilateral trading system," he said.

Interests Hawke urged delegates to consider China's participation in the organisation, as well as that of Hong Kong and Taiwan, both of which China claims as its territories.

"It is in the interests of all of us to maintain a trading environment in which the People's Republic of China can participate increasingly productively to our mutual benefit," Hawke said.

Cherminor Drugs opens public issue

By Lima Al Khalafawi
Arab Times staff

CHERMINOR Drugs Limited is setting up India's largest synthetic drug plant in the private sector near Vizag, according to Dr Anji Reddy, chairman of the company at a conference held yesterday at Meridian Hotel.

He added that to part finance this project, Cherminor is entering the capital market with a public issue of 1,32,500, 14 per cent secured fully convertible debentures of Rs420 each aggregating Rs55.65 million on very attractive terms. Part A of the debentures of the face value of Rs100 will be converted into 5 equity shares of Rs 10 each at a premium of Rs 10 each on the date of allotment.

Part B of the debenture of the face value of Rs320 will be converted into equity shares on Dec 1, 1991 at a premium decided by the Controller of Capital Issues at that time.

He pointed out that out of the public issue 50,000 debentures are reserved for Non-Resident Indians on repatriation basis. The issue opens on Nov 6, 1989 and the earliest closing date is Nov 9, 1989.

Talking about the profitability of the company, Reddy said that this can easily be observed from the fact that in the 15-month period on an paid-up capital of



Dr Reddy

just Rs 8.6 million. The company's growth has been geometric and from a mere 11.32 Mts of Ibuprofen produced in 1984, when the company was taken over by Dr Reddy's Group, it produced 553.52 Mts in 1988-89, a dramatic increase of nearly 5,000 per cent.

He added that the net profit of 1988-89 rose by nearly 3,000 per cent from Rs 0.79 million to Rs 28.37 million. The company has paid dividends regularly and the dividend for 1988-89 was 25 per cent (20 per cent on annualised basis). With the expansion, the company expects a quantum jump in its turnovers, with a proportional increase in its profitability.

Gulf Economic Briefs

Moscow agrees to transport Iranian gas to Europe: Iran will increase economic co-operation with the Soviet Union, state-run Tehran radio reported today, and an agreement has been reached in principle between Moscow and Tehran for the transport through Russia to European markets of Iranian natural gas.

The state-run radio, monitored in Moscow, said Soviet Minister for Foreign Economic Relations Constantin Katushev agreed to increase economic co-operation during talks in Tehran with Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Rafsanjani, who advocates loosening Iran's centralized economy, signed agreements with Moscow worth some \$6 billion—including Kremlin aid to improve Iran's defence industry in return for Iranian natural gas—when he visited the Soviet Union in June.

Mohsen Nourbakhsh, Iran's minister of economy and finance, said exports of some 2 billion cubic metres (2.6 billion cubic yards) of natural gas to the Soviet Union will begin in March. Tehran radio said the volume may later increase to 3 billion cubic metres (4 billion cubic yards). (UPI)

Kuwait oil revenues rises: A combination of firmer oil prices and higher production during the early part of the year has resulted in a 57 per cent increase in Kuwaiti oil revenue during the first five months of the year, an oil industry newsletter said today.

The Nicosia, Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey (Mees) quoted figures published by the Central Bank of Kuwait, and said the revenue figures were the only reasonably current official indicators of the country's oil sector.

The latest oil production and export figures date from the first half of 1988, and measure payments of oil revenue from the Ministry of Oil to the Ministry of Finance, but are not a rigorous proxy for oil production, because payment at standard credit terms implies a time lag between production and revenue, the newsletter said. (UPI)

New LPG price formula unveiled: The Saudi Arabian Refining and Marketing Company (Samarec) notified its customers for liquefied petroleum gas—propane and butane—of a new price formula which incorporates different ceilings of summer and winter deliveries, an oil industry newsletter reported today.

The Nicosia, Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey (Mees) said the new formula relates both to the contract price of Arabian Light crude based on the Oman/Dubai spot price average.

It gave details of the new formula as follows: The Government Established Prices (GEPs) of Saudi LPG FOB the above ports, effective Nov 1, 1989, have been set at \$10 per metric tonne for propane, and \$9.5 per metric tonne for butane, which remained unchanged since Oct 1, 1988. (UPI)

D-mark to become main currency: The West German Deutschmark was the currency most likely to assume a greater role as the main European reference currency, according to remarks by Franz Scholl, director of the Bundesbank, West Germany's central bank, published today.

In remarks published in Dubai, United Arab Emirates daily Gulf News, Scholl said the Deutschmark was expected to become the European currency of reference not because the West Germans wanted that to happen, but because major European nations had made it so. "I do not expect to see a common European currency in my lifetime and I hope to live a good many years to come," Scholl, who addressed a seminar in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates over the weekend, said.

Scholl also said a common European currency was not a pre-requisite to the success of the economic reunification of Europe in 1992. (UPI)

Downstream integration: The trend in Gulf oil producing states to undertake the development of their domestic refining and marketing may lead to the decreasing relevance of Opec, an economist with a Gulf Bank said in a report published today.

"Several Opec countries have already undertaken the development of their domestic refining and marketing capacity in order to meet local demand and avoid reliance on overseas interests," the Dubai-based Gulf News quoted Dr Henry Azzam, an economist with the Gulf International Bank, as saying in a report.

"While the trend towards downstream integration continues, the principal division among oil producers is likely to be based on the availability of integrated oil industries rather than as Opec and non-Opec members."

"Under these circumstances, Opec could become increasingly less relevant, at least in its ability to fix crude oil prices. The integrated products will become more involved with market responsive product prices and shift in a way price competition from the crude oil market to the product market." (UPI)

Japan, UAE finance expansion: The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc) is going ahead with a programme to boost sustainable

Riyal rates little changed

KD deposits steady

KUWAIT, Nov 6, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dollar deposit rates were steady today in a dull market, dealers said.

They said they had heard of no deals being completed. Overnight, tomorrow-next, spot-next and one week were indicated at a uniform 8-3/4 1/2 per cent, approximately 1/4 point lower than on Sunday.

In the fixed dates, one and three months were unchanged at 8-5/8 3/8. Six months and one year were steady at 8-9/16 5/16.

The Central Bank adjusted its dollar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29910/20 from 0.29895/05 on Sunday.

At the start of the foreign exchange trading in Switzerland, one Kuwaiti dollar was trading at \$4,030 Swiss franc, from \$3,949 at the close here the previous session, the Swiss-Kuwaiti Bank reported.

Against the dollar the German mark opened at 6.1925 (6.1530), the British pound was 2.1272 (2.1264), the Japanese yen was 479.0668 (476.7147), and the US dollar was 3.3419 (3.3395).

Short-dated Saudi riyal inter-bank deposit rates ended today easier due to an increase in lenders, but the market was generally quiet, dealers said.

They said spot/next was seen around 8-1/8, 7-7/8 per cent and

KUWAIT, Nov 6, (Kuna): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-3/8	8-5/8
3 months	8-3/8	8-5/8
6 months	8-5/16	8-9/16
1 year	8-5/16	8-9/16

one week around 8-1/4 eight per cent.

One month was quoted around 8-1/4 1/8 per cent and three months to one year around 8-7/16, 5/16 per cent.

The spot riyal was seen around 3.7503/06 against the dollar.

output capacity from its offshore Upper Zakum field to 500,000 barrels per day within the next two years, an oil industry newsletter said today.

The Nicosia, Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey (Mees) said the present sustainable capacity of Upper Zakum was estimated to be some 320,000 barrels per day. Current production from Upper Zakum, together with two smaller offshore fields, Umm Ad-Dalkh and Sarhan, which produce about 307 barrels per day by utilising the same export terminal on Zirkon Island as Upper Zakum, is reckoned to be around 350,000 barrels per day.

Mees said the Upper Zakum expansion project would entail the following:

— The drilling of 100 new wells, in addition to the existing 260 wells, of which 160 are for production and 100 for water injection.

— The installation of five new production platforms.

— The installation of artificial gas lift facilities, with the gas likely to be supplied from the non-associated Khuff gas reservoir in the nearby Abu-Ji Bukhoosh offshore oilfield. A contract for the development of Khuff gas at Abu Al Bukhoosh was recently awarded to Technip Geoproduction of France.

Mees said equity in the Upper Zakum venture, for which the initial development investment amounted to some \$7 billion, would be shared between Adnoc with 85 per cent and the Japanese group Jodoco with 12 per cent. (UPI)

Libya raises oil output: Production at Libya's offshore Bouri oilfield has been raised to 53,000 barrels per day in October, compared with 30,000 barrels per day in August and 20,000 barrels per day earlier this year, an oil industry newsletter reported today.

The Nicosia, Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey (Mees) said it appeared that production could be increased further, but for the time being this is being ruled out because of the large amount of associated gas that has to be flared.

Mees said studies commissioned by Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) call for collection of gas from Bouri and other offshore fields for use in the northwestern part of the country, but financing remains a major obstacle in the way of such a project.

Bouri, Libya's largest and the Mediterranean's largest offshore oilfield, was discovered in 1976 and is operated by Italy's Agip. The ultimate capacity of the field, after completion of the second phase, is put at 150,000 barrels per day over a 25-year period. (UPI)

Libya-Yugoslavia sign contract: Libya's National Oil Corporation (NOC) has signed a contract worth about Libyan dinars 28 million (\$98 million) with the Yugoslavian group, Energoinvest, for the construction of four new units at the Ras Lanuf petrochemical complex, Mees reported today.

Swissair expands

ZURICH, Nov 6, (UPI): Switzerland's national airline Swissair today reported a 4 per cent increase in passenger traffic and 9 per cent rise in cargo business in September against the same month last year.

It said the seat load factor—occupancy rate—was up from 67 to 70 per cent.

Total revenues were 14 per cent higher and the September result as a whole was above budgeted expectations.

Lloyd boosts trade ties

Lloyd Triestino, having obtained the approval of the FMC is now entering the important market of the United States and Canada in fact an agreement has been signed with the sister company Italia Di Navigazione under the coordination of their holding company Finmare.

The hub point in the Mediterranean shall be La Spezia from where Italia Di Navigazione is offering weekly sailings to North America.

This is certainly another very important step forward for Lloyd Triestino which is carrying on a very significant reorganisation programme under the direction of its chief executive T. Ricci.

It is understood that the co-operation among companies of the Finmare group is certainly destined to have further improvements according as well to the guidelines given by the top man of the group Rosina.

Canadian Jews to invest in Israeli ventures

OTTAWA, Nov 6, (Kuna): A number of prominent Canadian businessmen are considering plans to undertake big investments in Israel through acquiring stakes in profit-making governmental and private ventures in the Zionist entity, informed sources disclosed here today.

The sources said that three of most richest Jews in North America were currently considering plans to purchase big stakes in Israeli industrial firms working in electronics,

chemicals, communications, real estate and health care spheres.

The three Jewish businessmen, Charles Bronfman, Paul Reichmann and Marc Belzberg were encouraged by the Israeli government which welcomed foreign share-taking in its companies especially following recovery from recession that continued for two years and being aggravated by the ongoing Palestinian uprising, the sources said.

The sources, who are well-informed on

daily banking and monetary developments in Canada, emphasised that the Israeli authorities, after failure to achieve the projected percentage of economic growth last year was seeking the "sell-out" of governmental companies to the private sector in a bid for raising production.

Israel's powerful workers trade union, the Histadrut, which is also facing financial difficulties, is now selling out a number of properties to cover its position.

Tokyo shares

Nikkei stock average: 35434.86		Mitsubishi Corp		1560	-30
(-60.86)		Mitsubishi Estate		2480	-90
Volume: 600 mil shs		Mitsubishi H I		1130	+10
Yen exchange rate: 143.45		Mitsui B E		2920	-30
Name of stock		C	Q	1910	0
Advantest Corp	4840	-90	Mitsui B F	4180	0
Ajinomoto	2740	0	Mori Seiki Co	4080	0
Alps Electric	1800	-30	Nippon Corp	1740	-30
Amada	1980	+30	Nippon Steel	1440	+10
Asahi Chem Ind	1230	-20	Nippon Steel Co	1710	-30
Asahi Glass	2245	0	Nippon Steel Corp	728	+5
C. Itoh Co.	1010	-20	Nippondenso	2460	0
Canon Inc.	1790	-30	Nissan	2430	0
Casio Corp	1470	0	Nippondenso	1400	-30
D N Printing	980	0	Nissan	1530	0
Daichi Seiyaku	3000	+20	Nomura Sec	1640	-20
Daiichi Pharm	2790	-20	Okuma Mach	1640	-20
Daiichi Chem	2310	0	Onward K Co.	2380	+20
Eisai	2230	-10	Orix Corp	6280	0
Fanuc Ltd.	7300	0	Pioneer Elec Co.	5530	0
Fuji Photo	4520	-30	Renovon Look Inc	2400	-30
Fujitsu Ltd.	1470	0	Sanyo Elec Co.	868	+4
Hitachi Credit	1870	+20	Secom Co. Ltd.	8540	-20
Hitachi Koki	1940	-10	Shin-Etsu Chem	1800	+20
Hitachi Ltd.	1470	0	Shindengen Elec	1320	+20
Hitachi Metal	1700	0	Sony Corp	8270	+20
Honda Motor	1860	+10	Sumitomo Elec Ind.	1550	0
ItoYokado Co	4460	0	Sumitomo Metal Ind.	1850	+20
Kajima Corp	2170	-10	Takada Chemical	2320	-20
Kawasaki H I	1040	+20	TDK Corp	5580	+20
Kobe Cast Iron	1060	0	Tokai Marine & Fire	2180	-30
Kokusai Elec	3500	0	Tokyo Elec Power	3800	+10
Komatsu Ltd.	1330	-20	Tokyo Electron Ltd	2900	-30
Kyocera Corp	3350	-50	Topyan Printing	2170	-30
Matsui	3300	-40	Toray Ind Inc	974	+5
Mat Comm. Ind	3020	-30	Toshiba Corp	1200	-10
Mat Electric	2300	-20	Toyota Motor	2610	-90
Mazda M C	1010	-10	Yaskawa Elec	1270	+10
			Provided by Nomura Investment		
			Banking (Nikkei)		

Robots help make coffee

IN KG Engelhardt's kitchen, a robot reads the refrigerator, puts food in the microwave and makes coffee. All she has to do is ask.

One day, Engelhardt's mechanical companion may help keep disabled and elderly people out of institutions. For now, it is languishing in a laboratory at Carnegie Mellon University's centre for human service robotics, where Engelhardt is the director.

The fully automatic kitchen, one of several projects in various stages of development at the robotics centre, is not designed as a luxury item for lazy homeowners.

Independence

The idea is to increase the independence of older people and keep them out of (nursing) homes," Engelhardt said recently at the Instrument Society of America's annual conference.

The kitchen robot can perform 25 tasks, Engelhardt said, and responds to voice commands. In addition to cooking, it will take your medicine out of a cabinet and remind you to take it. It washes your fruit. It will even put cream and sugar in your coffee.

The robot performs its tasks with a white plastic hand that looks something like a clamp. The hand is connected to a black metallic arm that slides across the kitchen counter, from one appliance to the next, on a track.

"It's colour co-ordinated and looks more like a kitchen appliance than a robot," Engelhardt said. "You don't even know it's there."

Testing

Engelhardt sees robot playing an increasing role in health care and human services. She is in the process of testing the automated kitchen in the home of two elderly people, one a bedridden diabetic, the other in a wheelchair following a stroke.

But it will be a while before others can benefit from the device. The problem is money. The robot system costs about \$30,000, beyond the means of the people who need it the most.

Engelhardt hopes the government will come up with funding for additional robotics research and for programmes that will offset the costs of the public. She said that of \$300 million spent by the government on robotic research last year, most went to defence and industrial applications.

Only recently has the robotics industry shown signs of emerging from a lengthy slump. The Robotic Industries Association reported that 1988 marked the first time in four years that new orders for robots increased. The \$ 331 million in orders for last year was a 10 per cent increase over 1987.

Engelhardt says the key to continued growth in the industry is humanization. For too long, she said, researchers have focused on building autonomous robots designed to replace humans.

Augment

There's a new era in which robots will augment and assist humans, not replace them," she said.

With that in mind, researchers at the robotics centre have developed an office robot that will help disabled workers with typing, filing and telephone chores.

The portable, automated office robot is voice activated and designed to do anything office workers would do with their arms or hands, said Engelhardt, who is quick to add that its primary purpose is to assist office workers with tedious chores.

The robot, which runs on a track across a three-section desk, consists of a black metal arm and a white plastic gripper, and is covered by a plastic bubble. It can call anyone whose number is contained in its voice-activated directory. It can retrieve and replace files from its built-in filing cabinet. It can even destroy documents in its own paper shredder.

Looks

The robot responds to about 75 words, but makes up for its lack of vocabulary with its looks.

"It's really very beautiful," Engelhardt said.

Like its kitchen cousin, the office robot will cost between \$45,000 and \$50,000. It is currently undergoing clinical testing, Engelhardt said, and could be introduced within six months.

Intervention Technologies, a firm associated with Carnegie Mellon, plans to manufacture the robot.



Burns honoured

Clutching his trademark cigar in one hand and Brooke Shields' hand in the other, George Burns mugs for the camera as he gets a kiss from Shields before being honoured for his television and radio work by the Museum of Broadcasting. (Reuter wirephoto)

Burns writes on passing history

Book on golden era of showbiz

GEORGE Burns in his book "All my Best Friends" provides a first-person history of the Golden Era of show business spanning the 30th century.

Hundreds of anecdotes provide a cavalcade of colourful performers whose lives and times might otherwise be lost or clouded had not the cigar-chomping wily comedian written about them.

"All my Best Friends" is a compendium of the non-agenarian's personal glimpses of the men and women who made us laugh going back to the turn of the century.

Burns knew them all — stars of burlesque, vaudeville, tent shows, night clubs, radio, silent, talkies and TV parade across the pages.

He spins yarns about Al Jolson, Webber and Fields, Eddie Cantor, Jimmy Durante, Sophie Tucker, Fanny Brice, the Marx Brothers, George Jessel, Ed Wynn and other Burns contemporaries long since in their graves.

He also reveals stories about Milton Berle, Walter Matthau, Bob Hope and many more who are still among us.

"Kid these people were all

my best friends," said Burns, dapper as always as he spooned a bowl of soup at the Hillcrest country club, where he has played cards forever.

"There were many more stars in the old days because there were so many different places for them to work," he said. Today a comedian appears in a comedy club, goes on the Johnny Carson Show and they give him a TV sitcom — that's it.

"Most of the people I write about are comedians because I knew them best. And every comedian always thought he was the funniest. That's ridiculous because I'm the funniest."

"Reminds me of Frank Fay. When he went to court in his divorce from Barbara Stanwyck, the lawyer asked Fay what he did for a living and Frank said, 'I'm the world's greatest comedian.'"

"The next day at the Friar's club somebody said, 'Frank, I read in the paper where you said you were the world's greatest comedian.' Frank said, 'I had to say that. I was under oath.'"

Burns lamented that today's performers have got to be a bit right away. "He was 8 years old when he broke into show business and you could be very bad

and people wouldn't know. There were always performers that were worse than you."

Burns, who knew the great comic stars and saw them perform, lists one man as peerless — Charlie Chaplin.

"I wouldn't begin to think who's second," Burns said.

"One night I was with Groucho Marx at dinner with some friends and I was asked who I thought was the greatest comedian. I said Chaplin. Groucho said, 'he's not the funniest. I am,' I said, 'if you say that, then I'm the world's greatest comedian, Groucho, because I'm funnier than you are.'"

"He didn't like it. Then I said, 'I did it without my brothers' and he didn't like that at all. We weren't friends for a long time. Then he wrote a piece for a magazine saying, 'Jack Benny is a very funny man and George Burns is nothing.'"

Burns threw back his head and laughed at the recollection.

"I look at it this way," he said. Comedians figure if the audience likes them, they're the world's greatest.

"Among the real greats was Sam Bernard who did a German monologue. Ed Wynn was the

perfect fool, maybe a little too long. You can't stay perfect that long."

"WC Fields was a great one, too. I'm really not the greatest, but I'm one of the boys. Among the girls there was my Gracie (Allen), Lucille Ball and Fanny Brice."

"He wasn't a comedian, but Jolson was the greatest entertainer. I'll tell you why. He came from Russia, a Jewish family, and he put on black greasepaint, walked on stage, fell to one knee and sang, 'I got a Mammy in Alabama' and made the audience cry. You gotta be great to do that."

"The secret to a good comedy performance is to go out there and make it sound like you've never said it before. Like you're making it up. And perform like you're not getting paid, so you can relax and take it easy."

"I'm relaxed doing books. I don't write books. I talk them. David Fisher tapes what I say and then he goes home and writes it. He knows how to spell."

"I still love to perform. I walk out on stage now in my 90s and everyone stands up. They say, 'How do you like that?' He walks."

Vladimir Horowitz, world's pre-eminent pianist, dies

VLADIMIR HOROWITZ, who combined flawless technique, emotional depth and sheer stamina to become the world's pre-eminent pianist in the last half of the 20th century, died on Sunday. He was 85.

Horowitz, hailed 11 years ago by then-president Jimmy Carter as a national treasure, died of a heart attack at his New York City townhouse about 12:45 am police said.

In 1986, after Horowitz scored a triumph with his first concert in his native Russia in more than 60 years, he was presented the highest US civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, by former President Reagan.

The Kiev-born master — he was 16 when the Russian Revolution swept out Czar Nicholas — was especially noted for his dynamic interpretations of such composers as Beethoven, Chopin, and Debussy.

Vladimir Horowitz born Oct 1, 1904, the son of an electrical engineer. He entered the Kiev conservatory at age 12 and anticipated a career as a composer. World War I and the Russian Revolution left his family destitute, however, and he turned to concert performance, making his stage debut at age 18 in Kharkov.

Two years later, in 1924, he accomplished an astounding feat: he performed without repetition more than 200 works in a series of some 25 concerts in Leningrad.

The following year he went on a European tour. He then travelled to the United States. It was not until 1986, at the age of 81, that he returned to his homeland, demonstrating in two triumphant concerts that his enormous powers were undiminished.

Horowitz made his US debut at Carnegie Hall in 1928, playing Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto with the New York Philharmonic, conducted by Thomas Beecham. He subsequently met Arturo Toscanini. The Russian pianist and the celebrated Italian maestro became friends and in 1933 Horowitz married Toscanini's daughter, Wanda, in Milan. Through more than a half-century of marriage, she remained his closest companion and, he said, his severest critic.



Horowitz practising at Festival Hall during his first UK visit in years. (Reuter wirephoto)

Horowitz: 'Greta Garbo of concert stage'

FRRIENDS and colleagues of the late pianist Vladimir Horowitz Sunday recalled a musical genius with a penchant for mischief. His biographer called him "the Greta Garbo of the concert stage."

Horowitz, the nation's most honoured pianist who died at his Manhattan home Sunday at the age of 85, was remembered as a pianist without peer.

"Horowitz was undoubtedly the greatest pianist of the 20th century," said Glenn Plaskin, author of "Horowitz," a critical biography published in 1983. "He had more physical energy, more electricity, than any musician that came onto that platform. He was the Greta Garbo of the concert stage."

As he played a Tchaikovsky concerto, he began to race with the orchestra. "I played louder, faster and more notes than Tchaikovsky wrote," he later acknowledged.

Throughout his life, Horowitz was renowned for his erratic behaviour, Plaskin said, calling him "temperamental, demanding and a perfectionist."

"He was extremely charming," Plaskin said. "He would have loved the attention he's getting now."

Others remembered a gentle man who loved watching old movies and found he could never quite retire from the stage. In past months, said pianist Byron Janis, Horowitz read "everything he could" about the composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart — when he wasn't watching old movies or planning his next recording contract.

Janis, who first met the pianist as a 16-year-

old schoolboy, grew up to become Horowitz's longtime student — the first Horowitz ever taught in this country — and later his close friend.

"He was a man with a great sense of humour, almost a comedian," Janis said. "He knew how to be terribly funny."

But Janis added that Horowitz was "the last of an era of pianists who, in my opinion, really understood the instrument and its possibilities."

Lincoln Maazel, the 86-year-old father of Pittsburgh Symphony conductor Lorin Maazel, said he was shocked by the news of Horowitz' death.

After the 25th anniversary of his American debut, the New York Times wrote: "He remains one of the greatest technicians of piano history but his technique is no

longer an end in itself. He has transformed himself from a fire-eating virtuoso into a self-critical, self-serving artist."

Horowitz was not ignorant of the relaxed tone his playing assumed in recent years. Asked about the change recently, he said: "Yes, more control, more quiet, no more hurricane."

Horowitz settled in the United States in 1940 and became a US citizen in 1944.

He and his wife made their home in a townhouse on New York's upper East Side, where he occasionally gave lessons.

Horowitz' career was marked by much-noted withdrawals from public appearances, although he continued to record during such periods. In 1953, he abandoned concert performance and did not perform in public for the next 12 years. His return to the stage in 1965, in a recital at Carnegie Hall, produced lines of ticket-seekers days in advance and was hailed by the New York Times as "one of the most dramatic events of recent musical history."

In 1982, he performed in London for the first time in 31 years, playing for a world-wide television audience from the Royal Festival Hall.

Horowitz once vowed never to return to his homeland, but he did in April 1986, making a triumphant two-week, two-concert tour. It included a performance in Moscow and one in Leningrad, at the Concert Hall where he played his student recital.

The tour came about in part because of a cultural exchange arranged during the November 1985 summit meeting between President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

At the age of 81, Horowitz left his audiences spellbound. Some 2,000 music lovers jammed Moscow's Conservatory of Music to hear the master's first concert in the Soviet Union in 61 years.

Hundreds of music lovers braved a cold rain outside the conservatory in the hope of getting a spare ticket or even a glimpse of the Russian-born pianist.

Russians received Horowitz' programme of mostly Russian music with whispers of "astounding" and "magnificent."

Some 300 people crashed the concert, jamming aisles and

squeezing two to a seat.

Between pieces, Horowitz delighted the Moscow audience with his antics, pointing and waving at friends, blowing kisses to the crowd, sniffing carnations and sticking his tongue out at television cameras.

When it was over, Horowitz, seemingly unmoved by the eight-minute standing ovation, firmly closed his piano and shooed the audience out.

"Stop clapping. ... Go home," he said in Russian.

The triumph was repeated at Leningrad's philharmonic hall. From there, Horowitz went on to perform in Berlin, Hamburg and London and decided at the last minute to go on to Tokyo, where he performed in June for wildly enthusiastic audiences in the auditorium of a women's university because no major halls were available on such short notice in the Japanese capital.

The Tokyo appearance seemed intended to erase memories of Horowitz' previous visit in 1983, which was panned by critics. The strategy worked. One leading Tokyo critic who three years earlier called Horowitz a "cracked antique" found him "an incomparable magician" in 1986.

Horowitz won a score of awards for best classical recordings and numerous other international awards, and his records were prized throughout the world.

In a 1982 interview, he said modern audiences were better than those of earlier years.

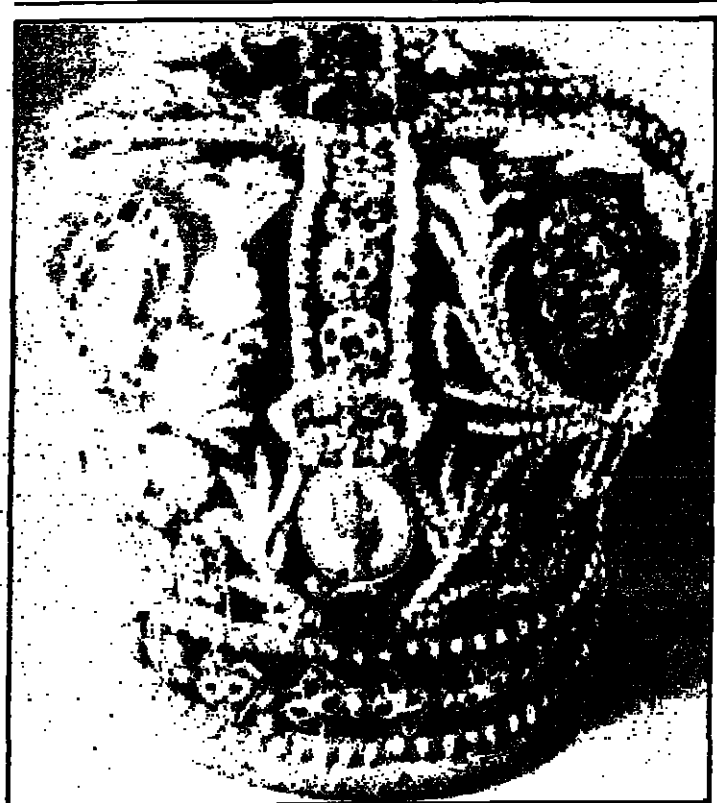
"In the past the public did not understand music," he said. "But now, through records, cassettes, they know so much, you no longer have to exaggerate. My playing has become simpler, and simplicity is wisdom."

Of audience appreciation, Horowitz said. "It's the silence that matters, not the applause. Anyone can have applause. But the silence, before and during the playing — that is everything."

When the highest US civilian award, the Medal of Freedom, was presented to Horowitz by President Reagan at the White House on July 28, 1986, the first lady Nancy Reagan draped the gold medal with blue-striped ribbon around the pianist's neck and kissed him on the cheek.

Latest Italian trend

Head over heels for Russian goods



A 17th-19th Century bishop mitre, encrusted in gold, rubies, diamonds, pearls and silk, is one of 500 items from the Moscow History Museum. (Reuter wirephoto)

WHEN Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev sets foot in Italy at the end of November, he should soon feel at home.

Style-setting Italy has embraced things Russian with a passion. A craze which began a year ago when Italy became the first country to import genuine Soviet wrist-watches, has spread to Russian-style sunglasses and even Soviet-made jeans.

Milan's La Scala opera company and the Soviet Bolshoi theatre have just completed a month-long exchange tour and a leading department store chain is hosting a Russian season featuring Soviet goods ranging from clothes to carpets.

The latest event is an exhibition in Milan of 500 16th-19th century costumes, jewellery, religious artefacts and household articles from the Moscow History Museum that have not seen the light of day in the Soviet Union, let alone in the West, since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

Attracting an exceptional 2,000 visitors a day since opening in October, the "Meraviglie Sconosciute" (Unknown

Treasures) exhibition is being extended to coincide with Gorbachev's November 29-December 1 visit in the hope that the Soviet leader might himself catch a rare glimpse of life before communism.

"Naturally up until now there has always been a desire on the part of the Soviet Union to keep the opulence of middle class life before the revolution very well hidden," said Mariolina Doria de Zuliani, curator of the exhibition.

"It was all very well to have exhibitions of paintings and sculpture but as for showing what daily life was like, they tried to make sure it was seen as little as possible," she said in an interview.

Doria de Zuliani chose the exhibits from the vast store rooms of the history museum, a treasure house of items many of which were confiscated from homes of the well-to-do after 1917.

"Everything was in marvellous condition because these things have never been seen or shown to anyone, neither to the Soviets nor to anyone else," she said.

The result is a glittering display of gold-embroidered shawls, bright traditional dresses, pearl-encrusted headwear, silver trinket boxes, jewelled earrings and an exquisite Faberge collection.

Apart from a few exceptions, such as a pair of 17th century earrings belonging to the mother of the Tsar Peter the Great, the majority of the exhibits belonged not to members of the Russian court but were worn or used by merchants and the middle classes.

An entire room is given over to religion — richly-worked vestments, tapestries depicting scenes from the gospels, silver and gold chalices and a pearl-decorated crucifix.

"I think the sacred collection is the most extraordinary part of the exhibition. This is the first time ever that the Russians have allowed such a quantity of religious objects to be shown," Doria de Zuliani said.

In another sign of Soviet "glasnost"

over religion, an exhibition of 100 Russian icons is due to open in the Vatican in November to coincide with Gorbachev's historic meeting with Pope John Paul II — the first between a Kremlin leader and a pontiff.

Doria de Zuliani said her only difficulty had been one of choice and she had met no objections either from the Soviet authorities or the Moscow museum curators in selecting the exhibits.

She regrets being unable to bring back a rough, black linen shift said to have been worn by 16th century Tsar Ivan the Terrible as a penance for his sins.

"It had been out of its packing and the museum was very afraid that it might disintegrate under lights. There were, alas, a few things like that," she said.

In exchange, the Soviet authorities asked the Italian sponsors for help in buying computers to catalogue some 4.5 million items in the history museum and for materials to help restore its collection.

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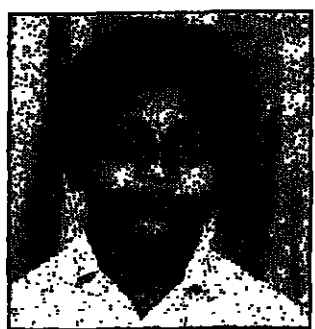
Happy birthday



Ali Moustafa Bajwa celebrates his 12th birthday on November 8. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. All goes to the American Community School in Amman.



Remona D'souza celebrated her 2nd birthday on October 31. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Remona likes playing with toys.



Aqeel Abdullah celebrates his birthday today, November 11. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Aqeel goes to the Indian School Mangat and likes sports and drawing.



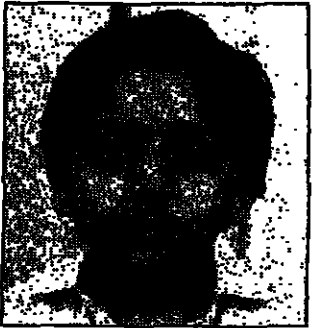
Akhtar Sabah Abdullah celebrates her 2nd birthday on November 8. Happy birthday and blessings from dad and mum in Kuwait and rest of relatives in Bangladesh.



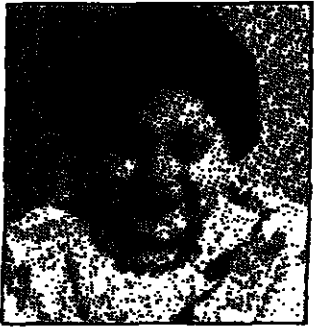
Alistar Santosh celebrated his 9th birthday on November 6. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Alistar goes to St Paul's English School Karachi and likes cartoons.



Blaise Correia celebrated her birthday on November 11. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Blaise goes to the Indian School and likes painting and dancing.



Muhammed Shoukat celebrated his 7th birthday on November 2. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Muhammed goes to the Kuwait Indian School and likes watching TV.



Hina Butt celebrated her birthday on November 6. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Hina goes to the Modern Pakistan School and likes painting.



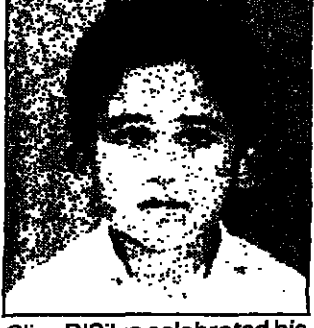
Maha Ahmed celebrated her 4th birthday on November 4. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Maha goes to the Hensel and Gretel School in Florida and likes painting.



Carol Jacob celebrated his birthday on November 1. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Carol goes to the New Indian School and likes playing with toys.



Eram Hussain celebrated her 12th birthday on November 2. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Eram goes to the New English School and likes stamp collecting.



Clive D'Silva celebrated his 6th birthday on November 6. Belated greetings from parents, family and friends. Clive goes to the New Indian School and likes drawing and dancing.

Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon? Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times? Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday! Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them. The details we need are:

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Date of birth: _____
School: _____
Hobbies: _____
Telephone: _____
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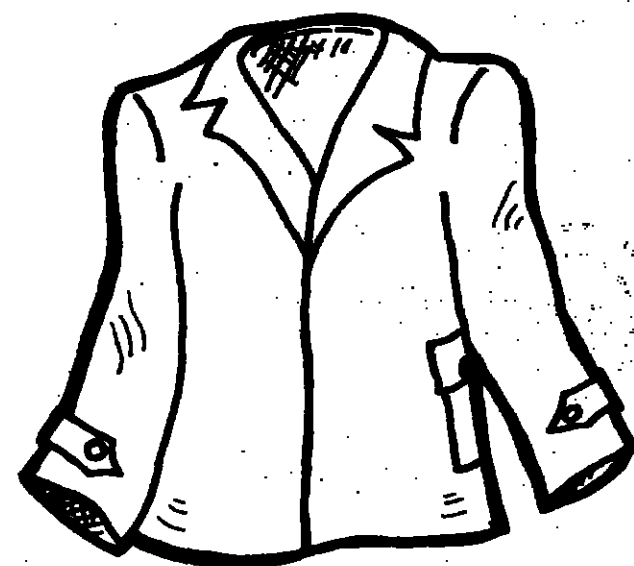
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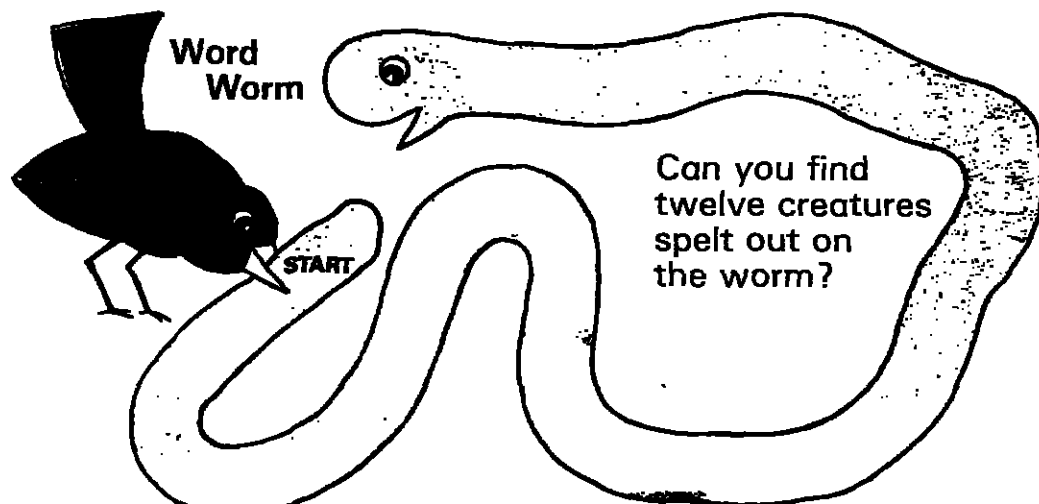
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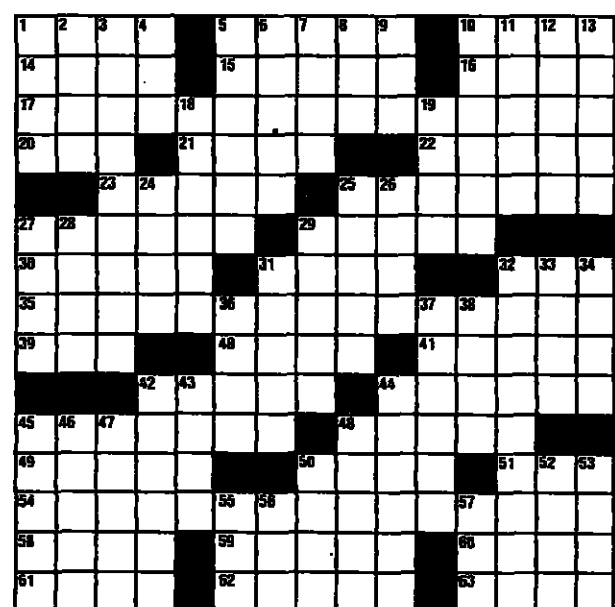
Put three brown buttons on the coat.



There are three things in circle 1 that are not in circle 2, and three things in circle 2 that are not in circle 1. WHAT ARE THEY?



TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Pueblo Indian
 - Prepared potatoes
 - Caesar namesakes
 - Bring home the bacon
 - Colonizer of New Mexico
 - Author's concern
 - Yaks
 - Swift's "The Tale of a"
 - Niche occupant
 - Russian co-op
 - As — (from this time on)
 - Russian, to a Russian
 - Apply wrongly
 - Sucker
 - Toastermaster, for short
 - "To — His Own"
 - Opera house feature
 - Blabbed
 - Draft org.
 - "...like —, I go to find my fawn": Shak.
 - Comedians
 - Alien and —
 - hand (abstract)
 - "O rare, Ben —!"
 - Ratify
 - Meaning
 - Composer Copland
 - Record
 - Carpet feature
 - Lingistic bloop
 - Biographer Leon
- DOWN**
- Elbow
 - Architect Saarinen
 - Mona —
 - Elfin or ivory
 - Kind of muffin
 - Be follower
 - Hawaiian island
 - Nose
 - Daughter of Cadmus
 - Pistol
 - Under one's guidance
 - Lyricist Sammy
 - Paris season
 - Society gal
 - American Inventor Elmer Ambrose
 - "— Song Go Out of My Heart"
 - Caught forty winks
 - Sculptured slab
 - Yule tree trim
 - Los Angeles players
 - Energy source
 - Hide
 - Will — wisp
 - Officers' meal
 - Little devils
 - Author Alan
 - One of the Murphys
 - Fare
 - many words
 - Chinese dynasty
 - Has a little lamb?
 - Unbroken horse
 - Long, long periods
 - Excitement
 - Florence's river
 - Former court figure
 - Picasso prop
 - Nita of silents
 - Helps with the dishes
 - Strainer
 - Arabian sailboat
 - Luminous radiation
 - Hard worker
 - Swift: Abbr.
 - However, briefly
 - Beak

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

IRANI ARIA SUNNA
PERSE MAT IDIOT
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IRATE BARE
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SWANS REL STOLE
TINTE ALL LURES
ENGEL NEE ERECT
REARS SET WESTS

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
EACH IN ITS TIME

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 8 2
♥ K 7 2
♦ J 7 6 3
♣ Q 5

WEST
♠ K 4
♥ J 10 9 3
♦ K 8 6 5
♣ K 7 4

EAST
♠ 6 3
♥ Q 8 5
♦ Q 10 9
♣ J 10 9 6 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 7 5
♥ A 6 4
♦ A 2
♣ A 8 2

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

4 ♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

There is a time for everything under the sun. Invert the moves in a chess opening, and you can be heading for calamity. Get things out of sequence at the bridge table, and defeat could easily be snatched from the jaws of victory.

If you agree with us that aces are greatly undervalued in the point count, you will endorse South's decision to open one spade rather than one no trump. And a simple raise from partner was all the encourage-

ment needed to go on to game.

West led the jack of hearts, and declarer gaily won in dummy to take the trump finesse. That lost to the king, and back came another heart.

When West regained the lead with the king of clubs, the defenders were able to cash a heart trick and patiently wait for a diamond trick for down one.

Tough luck? Not really. If the spade finesse were going to succeed at trick two, it would win later as well. Declarer should have set about buying some insurance in case the king of trumps was with West.

The heart loser could have been avoided as the cards lay. All that was required was for West to hold the king of clubs and for declarer to utilize his assets to the fullest.

Declarer should win the first trick in hand and immediately lead a low club toward the queen. The best West can do is take his king and revert to hearts. Now declarer wins in dummy, cashes the queen of clubs and comes to hand with the ace of diamonds to discard the table's heart loser on the ace of clubs. Since a heart ruff will furnish an entry to the board, South can subsequently take the trump finesse in an attempt to score an overtrick.

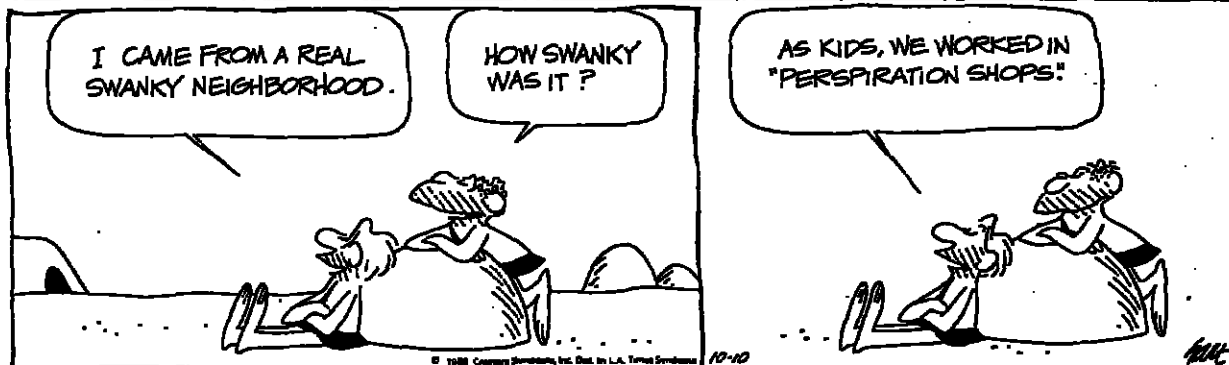
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should show just a little more goodwill towards others. If you try hard you will be more likely to succeed. You should avoid becoming self-conscious if you possibly can. Be grateful.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should not get angry with yourself. Instead try to find out what went wrong and to remedy it. Your social life will be rather busy but should not be allowed to take first place. Be generous.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You will feel more at peace with yourself. There will be some conflicts within your family but these can quickly be resolved. Do not allow sales talk to get the better of you. Be less hostile.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Try to avoid all kinds of interruptions. Not everything must be to your liking but you will know how to adjust to it. Others will be a little more co-operative and so should you be. Be punctual.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

You will be bothered by some small matter which however must not be ignored. There will be a good opportunity to make amends and you should take it. Do not rely on what your intuition tells you. Be less fussy.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

Do your best to combat a tendency to be lethargic. You should not let some small matter be blown out of proportion. An urge to spend recklessly must be curbed. Be reliable.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will feel rather more romantically inclined but should not allow your feelings to stray. You should think twice and more before coming to decision. Your lucky numbers are 10 and 27. Watch your weight more carefully. Be reasonable.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will be better able to deal with some small annoyances. Do your best to avoid making a nuisance of yourself. Do not neglect some small infection. Be realistic.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will tend to be rather gloomy and should take every opportunity to cheer up. You will tire rather more easily so do try to conserve your energies. However avoid resting on your laurels. Be firm.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will have a bit of personal success. The general situation is changing for the better as far as you are concerned. However you should still avoid taking any undue risks. Be reliable.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

You will be able to make the right decision. Beware of making a nuisance of yourself. Take good care whilst you are on the road whether driving or walking. Be consistent.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

You will be rather inclined to skip details and should beware of losing sight of an important one. Do not wait too long before replying to a letter. Do not allow yourself to be intimidated by the difficulties. Be considerate.

Dear Junior Readers,

As the days of November pass by, the weather gets cooler and cooler. The nights are silent and the sky misses the friendly hum of the late night air-conditioners. Clouds appear, and rain casually splatters onto the thirsty grounds.

Yes, I suppose we can say that winter is finally coming! You had better start looking out for the heavier clothes to wear... Kuwait winters are rough and uncomfortable. Try to keep a woolen jacket at arms reach because, following the tradition of the past few years, it may be freezing on one day, and then without further warning, it may be warm again the day after that.

Thank you Samir, Sarah and Rashmi for your lovely poems; I hope you will become regular Junior Times writers. And a special thanks to Sarah Hodgson, who painted a witch while celebrating Halloween.

Manal

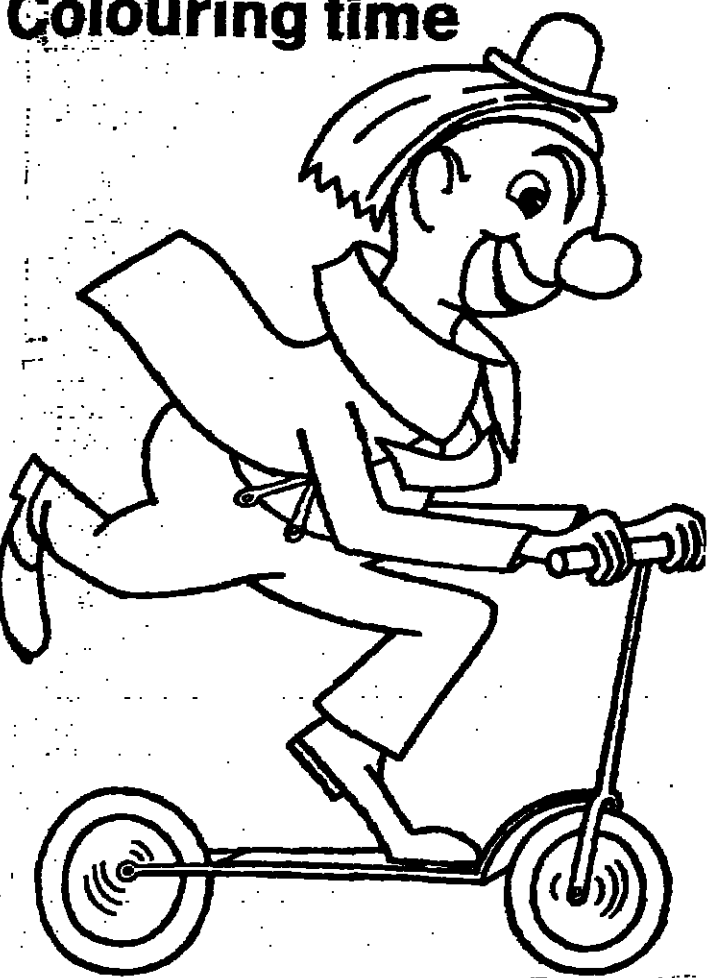
Word search WORLD MOUNTAIN RANGES

The 40 names hidden in this puzzle all represent mountain ranges in some part of the world. Do you know any of them?

ALAI	GRANT	LEWIS	ORANGE
ANTELOPE	GROS Ventre	LOST River	PARK
BLACK	HAGEN	MADISON	PATKAI
BOGOS	KAHUSI	Malte BRUN	Pir PANJAL
CHERSKI	KAILAS	MISSION	SALT River
DONGKYA	KODOR	MONITOR	SARIKOL
EGAN	KRATKE	MUMMY	SAUR
FRONT	KUMON	NARYM	SNAKE
GISSAR	LADAKH	NASSAU	WASSUK
GORE	LEMHI	NUKATL	ZASKAR

A T C M L E L I U Y P M I L W
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I N M G Z A S K A R I L S O G
G S O T N U R A L S B S F R I
I P N H K O D A U T I H C G A
K A I L A S D Y N O N S P N H
S L T A G A O E N U E O A L U
R Y O O K B K G L O K I R A S
E A R H R T W P O Z A A K F I
H E K U T N A R G B N G T S E
C A N T E L O P E T S O L L B

Colouring time



A scene from the drawing competition.

Drawing and Elocution Competition

As part of the 11th annual celebrations, Kerala Art Lovers Association (KALA) conducted a Drawing and Elocution Competition on October 27. The programme was held at the Indian Embassy Hall.

Gracy Mathew, the headmistress of the Indian School inaugurated the drawing competition while Sakthikulangara Williams, Vice Chairman of U.M.O., inaugurated the Elocution Competition.

Congratulations to all the winners. The winners of the drawing competition were:

DRAWING:

(Sub-Junior) 1. Vinceth Menon 2. Shilpa Surendran 3. Binu Rani Albert

(Junior) 1. Rose Paul Vattithra 2. Dayanand Chandappan 3. Deepa

(Senior) 1. Sinju Thomas 2. Tariq Salam 3. Jeff Cherian

ELOCUTION

(Sub-Junior) 1. Deepak Bose 2. Kishore Rajpal 3. Hari Surendran

(Junior) 1. Rashmi Ashok Kumar 2. Veenitha Vasudevan 3. Deepa

Sebastian

(Senior) 1. Shiby Surendran 2. Rashmi Ramankutty



Elocution competition in Malayalam, first prize winner Deepak Bose.

By Sarah Hodgson
The American School



A wicked witch

Just for laughs!

Girl: "Mum, mum, I've got this awful, awful sore throat."

Mum: "Oh, well go and stand in the window with your tongue out."

Girl: "Will that make my sore throat get better?"

Mum: "No, it's just that I don't like the neighbours."



The first of November

November the first
the day after Halloween,
Everything has been cursed
And just count the places
the witches have been!



Those naughty little
goblins
They've even been at my
pies.
They just had to get nasty
flies
On my lovely pies!

My aunt will be angry,
When she sees what the
"witches cats" have done
to her pantry.
Well at least the cats have
frightened away all the
mice and rats,
Thank goodness for that.

Sarah Shehabuddin
9 years old
Junior 3
New English School

Young poets

Cats

Cats here, cats there,
Cats everywhere,
They lick and lick and purr
Its their only way to clean
their fur

I like cats cause they are
cute,
and some cats are hardly

mute.
But when one would hiss at
me,
the only thing I would do is
flee
Cats fight for land,

They never go hand in
hand,
But may I use Paw in Paw.
They only catch mice that
grow

Reshma D'Silva
11 Years
Carmel School

Snow

I wish I could play in the
snow
But my folks say 'NO'.
'Cause we cannot move to
and fro
As in the snow, there is no
way to go!

In the snow, all the trees
with
Due to the very cold
weather.
The rabbits run hither and
thither.
In the snow that is as light
as feather.

I wish I could play in the
snow
Under the willow,
For as I lie on my pillow,
I can see it so clearly from
my window;

I wish my parents would let
me play,
In the soft, white snow all
day!

The Sun

I like the sun
Tho' it is very hot
Like we are boiling in a
pot.

I like the sun
Because it helps plants to
grow
And the rivers to flow.

I like the sun
Cause its very bright
Which gives us light
It does not let insects bite
And allows us fly our kite.



Sameer Bhat
V F
Indian School
Salmiya

Halloween at the American School, Kuwait



A teacher witch



Some Halloweeners



Want a grape?

EVENTS



Halloween at MBH

Children's Halloween party was held last Tuesday around the swimming pool at Messilah Beach Hotel. Children were given sweets and toys and participated in several competitions like the scary mask art, best pumpkin lamp. Prizes were also awarded for the most original costume, funniest costume and scariest costume for both boys and girls. This year, the event was sponsored by Jashanmal & Partners Ltd. (Matchbox). It was fun all the way for children and adults alike.

PRAYERS

Fajr	4.44 am
Zohr	11.32
Asr	2.36 pm
Maghreb	4.58
Isha	6.17

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursdays, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

TELEVISION PROGRAMME

KTV 1

MORNING

- 9.30 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.40 Sabah Al Kheir News and Variety
- 10.00 Around the World: Cartoon Serial
- 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite (repetition)
- 10.30 Al Ghaba: Daily Arabic serial (Final part)
- 11.30 Sabah Al Kheir News and Variety
- 11.40 Taaleel: Beduin Serial, starring Yousif Al Jamal, Refat Al Najar, Nareman Al Faqeh, and Waleed Barakat
- 12.30 News Summary
- 12.35 Sabah Al Kheir News and Variety
- 12.37 Holy Quran and Closedown

EVENING

- 4.00 The Opening and Holy Quran
- 4.15 The World Today via Satellite (repetition)
- 4.45 Alice in Wonderland: Cartoon serial
- 5.15 The Agricultural Magazine: local programme, prepared and presented by Yaqoub Al Yousfi
- 5.35 Summer 1989: local programme
- 5.45 Light: Chemists, Airlines and official Advertisements
- 6.00 Al Islam: Hadhara: Religious Programme (Part 3)
- 7.15 Sports Star: Sports Programme, prepared and presented by Motlag Nassar
- 7.55 Made in Kuwait: Information Programme, prepared and presented by Dr Ali Al Damkhi
- 8.30 Good Evening and local news
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Tareq Min Al Sama:

- Arabic Serial (Part 3)
- 10.35 Variety late night show, with guest star Ahmad Sudqi
- 12.00 News Summary
- 12.05 The World Today via Satellite
- 12.25 Holy Quran and Closedown

KTV 2

- 6.00 Opening: Announcement and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Diplodoc: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Professor Lobster: "Fabrics." A look at some types of fabric and their special characteristics in architecture...
- 7.00 The Franchise Affair: The attorney proves that the young girl is lying when an unknown man alleges that he had a previous relationship with the girl...
- 7.30 Fishing the West: Catalena Bottom Fish.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 You and the Law
- 8.45 MorningStar: Evening Star. The Merry Widow. An old woman joins as a new resident in the asylum after the death of her husband. She has a love affair with an old man who happens to experience love for the first time.
- 9.30 Discover: New evidence about dinosaurs' mass extinction... Research in the development of robotic hands... The Pixar a machine developed by a filmmaker, has medical application...
- 10.30 Murphy's Law: "Two Wrongs Are Only."
- 11.30 News in Brief
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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
The Lost Idol
Salmiya
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Arabic film
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Arabic film
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Charmon KJ Saugand
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Fahadhel
Nowhere to Hide
Al Jahra
Chanadana Daku
Granada
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Mister Deathman
Jleeb
Rangeen Arun Kiron Mala
Ahmadi Drive-In
Arabic film



Hello VIPs

Top VIPs Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah, defence minister of Kuwait and Dr Robert Lichal, defence minister of the Republic of Austria were received at the Kuwait International Hotel by the general manager, Mr Hermann Simon.



Minister meets Pakistani residents

Pakistan Minister of Oil and Natural Resources, Jehangir Bader, held meetings with a cross section of the Pakistani community in Kuwait at the Pakistan embassy premises early this week.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Islamic Art
A SIX week — 12 lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in English at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Sunday and Tuesday mornings from 10.00 — 12.00 noon. October 29 through December 5, 1989.
An eight week — eight lecture course on Islamic Art will be given in Arabic at the Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyyah on Monday afternoons from 4.00 — 6.00 pm from October 30 through December 19, 1989.
To register for either of these courses please sign up at the Dar Al Athar during museum hours 8.30 am — 12.30 pm.

Watercolour painting

LEARN watercolour painting with Patricia Millins. New 8 week course in drawing and

painting for adults. For details Tel: 5618847.

Sultan Gallery
A COLLECTION of abstract art by Saudi Arabian artist Faisal Samra is on show at the Sultan Gallery, Samra, who experiments with space and form, is exhibiting for the second time in Kuwait. His first exhibition was in 1987. The show is open Saturday to Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm and 5 to 8 pm, until Nov 15.

Hobby centre
New Courses in Jewellery making and design for adults. For children there is Pottery starting next month for 6 weeks. Tel: 5618847, 5317354.

SOCIAL

Star Nite
DEC 21: Star Nite Stepping

Stones have stepped in and with Perfect Strangers it's going to be a nite to Celebrate Yulide. Fun fare for children and variety programme for others starting from 5-8.30 pm and goes on from 9 pm until sumptuous buffet mid-night. A galore of prizes with Hamper lucky draws under 555 sponsorship invitations with Shop No. 34 ex New Super Market and contact Tel: 5331940, 2413706 Res.

Narhanna's Anarkali
As a part of the Nehru Centenary year celebrations "Narhanna" stages "Anarkali" ballet at IACHall on Nov 9. The popular historical story which took place in the year 1600 will be staged with the real Mughal Muslim costumes and style. Admission restricted, passes available at Tel: 4337608/2425131/3904817/2461589/56-43126.

Navellim feast

The feast of Our Lady of Rosary, Navellim will be celebrated on 15.11.89, at the Holy Family Cathedral at 7.15 am.

Navellim Youth Centre
NOV 16: An annual get-together nite with live music from "Stepping Stones and Top Ranks" having lots more amusements, surprises awaiting at Le Mirage ballroom — Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Contact: Mr Alex — 2426334, Mr Marian — 2416945.

Daniella Bingo
NOV 15, 8 pm: Daniella invites all Danes to Bingo games at the Gazelle club. For reservations please call Inge on 3727690 ext 207 or Karen Marie on 3715146 before November 13.
Flaskik's love drive
CANNED goods and second hand clothes are needed for Flaskik's love drive. Blankets and winter wear are desperately needed for Flaskik's welfare beneficiaries. Kindly contact any Flaskik officer if you have any donations.
Flaskik's Christmas Project
FLASKIK invites everyone to its December project, a Christmas Carol Concert featuring the famous melodiously-talented Filipino Choir under its directress Gilda Navarro.

Magic Show
The Expatriate's Club present, for the first time in Kuwait, Mar co — the International Magician who will perform his winning 1989 Award Show at the Granada Cinema on Thursday 9 November at 5 pm and Friday 10 November at 4 pm. Tickets, priced KD4, KD3 and KD2, are available at Raja Stores tel: 2412970, Wilson tel: 3918905 office hours and 3726038 home, Tony tel: 5655056 after 5pm, Val tel: 5614506 after 5pm and the Granada Cinema on the show day. The show is open to all and free transport is available from city (church), Salmiya (near senior Indian School) and Fahadhel (near Grand Stores).

Get together
DEC 22: Southerners welcome you once again to a family get-together at Le Mirage Hall at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel at 10 am.

Rock 'n' roll

NOV 22: Spend a night of nostalgia with music from 1955-1965 provided by "High Spirits" at Messilah Beach Hotel. Fulfill your fantasy and dress as your favourite star of the era or just dress up. Also B.B.Q. and prizes. For details please contact 5624111 ext. 711, 712 or 705.

Naval visit
TWO Indian Naval Ships — INS Gomti, a frigate and INS Shakti — a tanker are scheduled to pay a goodwill visit to the State of Kuwait from November 9, to November 15, 1989. The ships will be berthed at Shuwaikh Sea Port and will be open to visit by members of the public on Thursday November 9, 1989 from 2 pm to 5 pm and on Friday November 10, from 8.30 am to 1.30 pm. Entry passes may be collected from the Embassy of India, 34, Shara Isteglal, Bousheri Building, P.O. Box 1450 Safat, 13015 Safat, Kuwait, on Sunday (November 5, 1989) — 2 pm to 7 pm; Monday (November 6, 1989) — 9 am to 5 pm.

People's Trust Club
DEC 29: People's Trust Club welcomes you to a day of your life at Ramada Al Salam (Marriott) Hotel, New Ballroom from 10.30 am onwards. Nimble feet, hungry palate, perfect blend of music and style. A get-together with buffet. Featuring Stepping Stones, Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers. There will be novelties and surprises galore. Contact Columbus on 4348218.

Pianist wanted
KUWAIT Little Theatre — Ahmadi urgently require a pianist to help with their pantomime rehearsals and performances. Anyone interested, please call S. Prescott on 3725960 after 3 pm.

Contact
THE next meeting of Contact, the ladies information group, will be held on Saturday, November 11, at 10.00 am at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Newcomers are particularly welcome. For more information call 3720197 or 4874513 or 5388105.

Nostalgia Filipino

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapilku) will organise the Philippine Community Day on Friday, November 24, which coincides with the selection of Hiyas ng Pilipinas — Kuwait 89, a personality and talent contests. The theme of this year's celebration is Nostalgia Filipina.

The association's main objective of this year's project is to ease loneliness and homesickness of the Filipinos in Kuwait and to feel that they are not away from home.

The Hiyas is the first of its kind by Kapilku and this year's selection will be the biggest, more colourful and exciting ever, Kapilku president Manny Inserto said.

It will be a cultural show and musical extravaganza will be an added attraction to all guests which will be performed by best Filipino singers in Kuwait.

For particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang, vice-president for Social and Cultural Affairs and the chairperson of the project on telephone No. 4843447 or Jun Mercado vice-chairman on telephone number 4899418.

Bob Marley Night
NOV 9: A tribute to the king of reggae will be held at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club Open Air Auditorium on Thursday, November 9, 1989 from 8 to 10.30 pm.

Steve Michael the lead vocalist will perform 20 Marley favourites. Some of the songs will be heard live in Kuwait for the first time. He will be backed by the Reggae Connection.

Tickets priced at KD3 are available on sale at the Bneid Al Gar Sea Club — Tel: 2530388; Shaab Sea Club — Tel: 5640205; Bidaa Sea Club — Tel: 3713477 and Swan Lake recordings Tel: 5721030.

The concert, a repeat of the show held last November at the SAS Tent, is being arranged and presented by Phil Danielle and is open to all — families and singles.

Thalia Myers
NOV 15: Thalia Myers, a well known pianist will be giving a Piano Recital in the Mousetrap Theatre on Wednesday, November 15th at 8 pm. Tickets are KD4. Her repertoire will be music from Edwin Rozburgh, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Gabriel Jackson and Brahms.

For further information please contact Tel: 5313287 & 5313288 from 8 am — 2 pm, Saturday — Wednesday.

Nov 14: Thalia Myers, will be giving a Master Class for not more than 6 persons at KD5/- per person on Tuesday, November 14th from 4 pm — 6 pm at the New English School, Jabriya.

For further information please contact Tel: 5313287 & 5313288 from 8 am — 2 pm, Saturday — Wednesday.

Kuwait Goans
DEC 15: Annual children's Xmas tree function will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel on Friday, December 15, '89 from 9.30 am onwards. Lots of prizes and surprises awaits for one and all. Top Ranks in attendance.

To avoid disappointment call for your early bookings on 2413348.

Tribute to Hemant Kumar
IN FOND remembrance of Hemant Kumar the Indian Arts Circle, in association with Bengali Cultural Society, is arranging a musical evening at the IAC auditorium on Nov 16, 1989 at 8 pm. On this solemn occasion leading singers of Kuwait will pay tribute to Hemant Kumar by reciting his song.

Free entry passes will be available from the IAC office. For details contact 5621379, 2644863 or IAC 3904817.

Musical Show
DEC 1: Musical Entertainment show at Doha Entertainment City in "Starlight Theatre" with Live Rock 'n' Roll, Pop and Reggae music from the most popular and dynamic best groups of Kuwait.

"Top Ranks" and "Next of Kings".

The Highlights: Fancy dress competition, live stage performance of jive, break dance and solo dancing by Joe Misquita, Tony & their dancing group. Including many surprises.

For complete details Twinkle on: 4879455 ext. 298 (4 pm to 9 pm); Hilary, 2649442; John Philip, 2546890 (after 8 pm);

Tom and Luiza, 2661370. For tickets contact: Andrew, at Dreamland Tailor's, 1st floor, above Raja Stores, opposite Canara Exchange.

NB: Transportation is available.

Bengali dance drama
THE Bengali musical play "Nakshi Katha Maath" (The Field of the Embroidered Quilt) by famous Bangladesh poet Jashimuddin will be staged again at the Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertainment City, on Nov 10. For details please contact Tel: 4893424, 4744490, 4315759, 3173923, 2466562.

Kuwait Cultural Centre
THE Kuwait Cultural Centre is opening a French Language course to be held on Saturdays and Mondays. For further detail please contact 5624393.

British Council
Children's Film Showing: Sleeping Beauty.

Wednesday, 15 Nov. at 6.00 pm.

Thursday, 16 Nov. at 10.30 am.

Once upon a time, a beautiful princess was woken from a century of sleep by the tender kiss of a handsome prince. The immortal tale of Sleeping Beauty is brought to life in this enchanting film starring Morgan Fairchild, Tahnee Welch and Nicholas Clay. This is superb entertainment for the young and also for the young at heart.

85th Birthday Tribute to Graham Greene

The British Council is holding an 85th Birthday Tribute to Graham Greene with an exhibit of a set of posters about his life and works during the whole month of November. On Tuesday, 14 Nov., Saturday, 18 Nov. and Sunday, 19 Nov. the exhibit will be shown at the Gallery starting at 5.00 pm. Admission is free but please book seats by calling: 2515512, 2533204, 2533227.

Willy Nite
On Friday November 10 at 3.30 pm KCWA will present Willy Nite at the Indian Arts Circle. Funfair, Gate passes are available at Golden Video 4314668, Raja Stores 2412470. For further information contact Charles Vas.



Bharathi Mela

Bharathi Kalai Mandam recently organised Bharathi Mela in the Indian embassy premises. A large crowd of children and adults had an enjoyable time, outside in the sunshine and cool breeze, currently indicating a pleasant change of weather in Kuwait. There were games for everyone's taste and skills. Delicious home cooked Madras food and sweets were served by the Ladies of the Mandam wearing the traditional south Indian sarees. Andy of British Airways and Rangaswamy of Kuwait India International Exchange Company distributed the prizes for the winners.

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(AT2-50153-3)

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HONDA Accord, 1984, automatic, AC, dark blue, 4 doors, sunroof, insured up to May 1990, 81,000 kms in very good condition. KD1,300. Best offer. Tel. 5653952.
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NISSAN Starza, 1984, grey, automatic, AC, 4 doors, hatchback, insured upto Aug 1990, 74,000 kms, in good condition, KD750. Tel. 2451476.
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MISCELLANEOUS

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Vacant

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(AT4-50177-3)

MAID required, Indian, for a family. Must speak English. Tel. 4763523, 2-8 pm.
(AT3-50171-3)

MAID required for a small Indian family. Must speak English/Hindi. Tel. 5723576, from 4-8pm.
(AT4-50176-3)

MAID required, Filipino, for an English family with children to live-in. Must speak English and have a transferable visa to start immediately. Tel. Pauline 5748218.
(AT4-50173-2)

MAID required immediately for an Indian family to live-in in the city area. Must have experience with children and be able to speak English/Hindi. Tel. 4719023 from 8-11am, and 4-6 pm.
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SPORTS

Kifco beat Evergreen in Cup tie

THE two giants of Kuwait Cricket met for the first time in this season for a Super Cup tie which was won by Kifco by 20 runs. The newly introduced Super Cup is being played between the top teams of Kuwait, Kifco, Evergreen and Startite on a round-robin league basis.

Once again it was the opening partnership of Nasir and Arshad which provided Kifco a formidable start. Evergreen, in a bid to achieve an early breakthrough, tried an unorthodox bowling attack which bowled little outside the leg stumps to prevent opening pair from scoring freely. This strategy proved to be futile as both the batsmen easily maintained an average of over 8 runs per over. The first wicket fell at 122 when Arshad Shams was bowled by Dawood Beg. Arshad by then had scored 79. His stylish innings contained 5 fours and 2 sixes.

Nasir Ahmed, in his own class, gave Kifco his 10th consecutive fifty which was full of grace and style. Pervaz Aslam who joined Nasir at Arshad's departure was also in his full stride right from the beginning. The run rate per over, at Arshad's departure was little over six per over, but Pervaz Aslam changed the complexion of the game totally. He scored 24 off Dawood's one over and remained not out for 46 with the help of four sixes. At the end of allotted 28 overs Kifco scored 212 for loss of only one wicket.

Unlike Kifco's solid start, Evergreen's beginning was quite disastrous, as their opener Tariq trying to play a bouncer from Shahid Butt was hit wicket. Inam and Zulqarnain put on a valuable partnership of 56, but a timely decision to bring on spinner paid off as Inam was superbly caught by Shahid Butt.

A decision to introduce Rashid Ansari at the other end also brought the instant result as he uprooted the stumps of Zulqarnain. Amin struck again and claimed the wicket of Qamar, beautifully stumped by Nasir Ahmed.

Until this stage, everything went in Kifco's favour and it looked as if they would wind up the game in next few overs.

However, Dawood and Rafiq started off with quick and cheeky singles and as they went on, aggression had become quite visible in their batting. They played the innings which Evergreen had dreamed of at that stage and it looked that game was slipping from Kifco. Rafiq Butt at this point bowled extremely well and did not allow the batsmen to take any liberty but at the other end the batsmen took full advantage of wind direction and scored at will.

When the score reached 170 mark, once again fortune tilted towards Kifco. Aqueel Ashraf, after receiving some harsh treatment, clean bowled Dawood and that proved quite vital. Rafiq tried to stay on but was run out for 62 and then Aqueel claiming two more wickets in his next over totally ceased Evergreen's fate. At the end of allotted overs they mustered only 192 for the loss of 9 wickets, losing the match by 20 runs.

Elway helps Broncos thrash Steelers

Palmer takes Cowboys to win over Redskins

WASHINGTON, Nov 6, (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys gave Jimmy Johnson his first NFL coaching victory after eight losses as Paul Palmer rushed 110 yards and the game's only touchdown in a 13-3 upset of the Washington Redskins.

The Cowboys (1-8) won for only the second time in their last 21 games. Both have come against the Redskins at RFK stadium. The 0-8 start was the second-worst in Cowboy history.

They lost their first 10 games in 1960, their inaugural season under Tom Landry, the man Johnson replaced.

The victory last night spoiled the return of 1988 Super Bowl hero Doug Williams, who started at quarterback for the Redskins for the first time since undergoing back surgery in August. Williams, who last played in December, completed 28 of 52 passes for 296 yards but was intercepted twice and couldn't

get the Redskins into the end zone.

Dallas broke a 3-3 tie late in the third quarter when Palmer, following a block by guard Crawford Ker, burst through the middle for a 47-yard gain to the Washington 6. Two plays later, Palmer dove over the top of a pileup for a 2-yard touchdown.

In other National Football League action yesterday, a game ended with a safety for the first time in 16 years of overtime play.

Minnesota's Mike Merriweather blocked Dale Hatcher's punt 2:14 into overtime for a safety after Rich Karlis had kicked seven field goals as the Vikings beat the Los Angeles Rams 23-21. Los Angeles has lost four straight games after opening with five straight victories.

Packers 14, Bears 13
Don Majkowski's 14-yard, fourth-down touchdown pass to Sterling Sharpe with 32 seconds left was disallowed by the referee, who was reversed by a replay official. An official on the field ruled that Majkowski had crossed the line of scrimmage at the 14, but the replay showed he released the ball from the 15. Chris Jackson's extra-point kick gave Green Bay the victory, its first over Chicago in nine games since 1984.

Falcons 30, Bills 28
Paul McFadden kicked a 50-yard field goal with two seconds remaining for Atlanta (3-6). The lead changed hands three times in the last 82 seconds before McFadden won it with his third field goal.

Jets 27, Patriots 26
Pat Leahy kicked a 23-yard field goal on the final play of the game for New York (2-7), which snap-

ped a five-game losing streak.

Marc Wilson, playing for the first time in almost two years, threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to Cedric Jones with 11:59 remaining and an 11-yard scoring pass to Hart Lee Dykes with 1:03 left.

Oilers 35, Lions 31

Warren Moon rallied Houston (5-4) from a 10-point, third-quarter deficit with touchdown passes of 6 yards to Ernest Givins and 7 to Drew Hill. Moon made it 35-24 on a 2-yard touchdown run with 3:15 to go. Detroit (1-8) scored with 1:41 left on 14-run by Barry Sanders, but it wasn't enough.

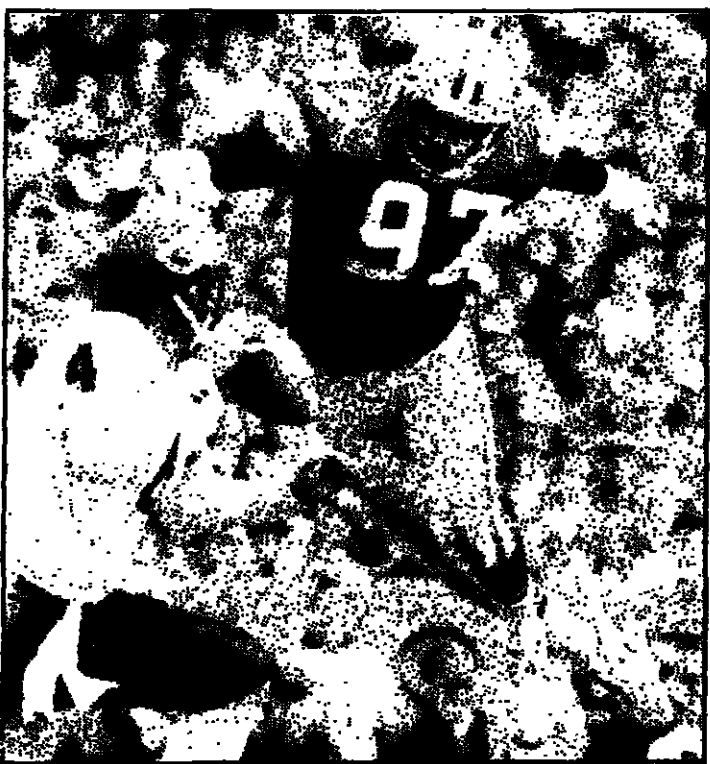
Broncos 34, Steelers 7

John Elway, struggling off two early interceptions, passed and ran for second-half touchdowns while Denver (7-2) held Pittsburgh to 170 yards. Denver led 13-7 at halftime. The Broncos scored in the second half on Elway's 44-yard pass to a diving Vance Johnson with 4:22 left in the third quarter, Elway's short run in the fourth quarter and Bobby Humphrey's 12-yard run.

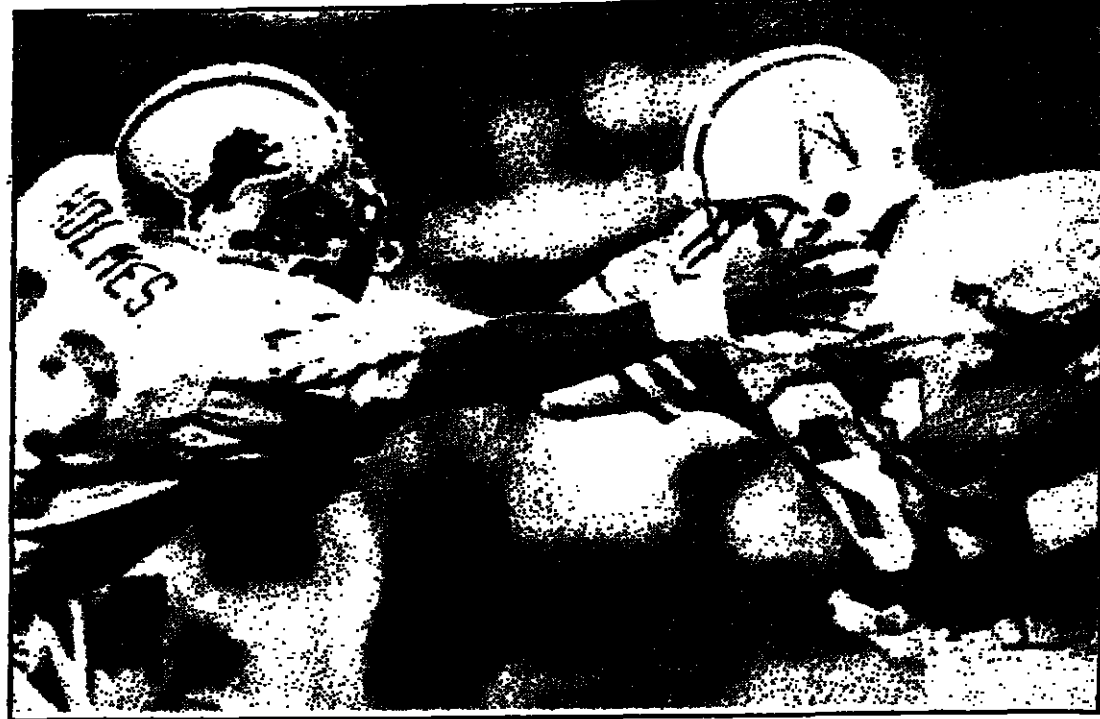
Dolphins 19, Colts 13

Rookie Sammie Smith gained 123 yards on 25 carries, the first 100-yard rushing day since 1987 for Miami (5-4), which has won four of its last five games.

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L.A. Raiders 28 Cincinnati 17
San Diego 20 Philadelphia 17
Dallas 13 Washington 3



Packers' linebacker Tim Harris (97) leaps into the air forcing Bears' Jim Harbaugh out of the pocket. (Reuter wirephoto).



Lions' Jerry Holmes (left) and Oilers' Ernest Givins trade unauthorized 'face masking'. (Reuter wirephoto).

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Soviets take world team chess title

LUCERNE, Switzerland, Nov 6, (Reuter) — With one round to spare the Soviet Union retained their world team chess championship title yesterday when the final game in the eight round match between Yugoslavia and Africa ended in a draw.

Even with the Soviet Union still struggling in their match against Hungary, this gave them a catchable 4.5 points lead ahead of the two second equal teams, England and Yugoslavia.

The winning margin will not be determined until the end of the ninth and final round tomorrow.

In the first game to finish in the Soviet-Hungary match ex-world champion Anatoly Karpov beat grandmaster Andras Adorjan.

Surprisingly, Soviet grandmaster Mikhail Gurevich, the world's seventh ranked player and up to then the tournament's most successful player with five wins in five games, then lost to the Hungarian international master Tibor Tolai.

When the Soviet third board, grandmaster Rafael Vaganian drew with the international master Josef Horvath, it seemed to be left to their grandmaster Jan Ehlvest, previously their least successful players, to guarantee them victory by beating Hungary's grandmaster Attila Groszpe of Hungary.

The result, a draw, proved to be superfluous, however, when, needing a four point win to keep theoretical chances of winning the title alive, Yugoslavia scored only three and a half.

The Soviet Union retained the title they won when it was first played for in Lucerne in 1985.

Yugoslavia stay in second equal place with England, who easily beat the United States with an impressive performance that all but secured a medal for them.

Grandmaster Nigel Short demolished grandmaster Yasser Seirawan in 34 moves, inspiring the rest of the team.

The one drawn game was between grandmasters Murray Chandler of England and Dmitry Gurevich of America, after an incredible time scramble with over 20 moves played in just under three minutes.

Eagles edge All-Japan in thriller

THE first half of the fall 1989 KJSL season ended on Friday with lots of exciting softball, featured by the Eagles comeback from behind victory over a winless but determined All-Japan team, 22-20. In other games, KU beat UAS, 23-6, and Kay and Associates stopped the FHWA Falcons, 21-11.

In the day's most exciting and best-played game, the Bazookas (0-5) showed they can beat any team in the league, as they led most of the way, losing the lead only in the sixth inning. Combining eight walks with 19 hits and excellent base-running, All-Japan built up an early 13-5 lead before the Eagles began their steady comeback.

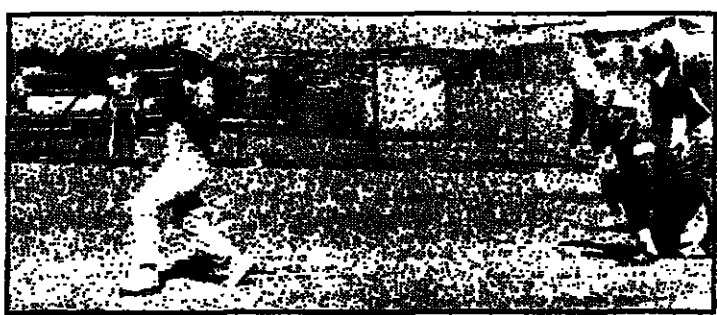
The Bazookas opened the top of the first with five runs on five hits and the Eagles did the same in their half. All-Japan came back with seven more in the second while the Eagles failed to score. The Bazookas then added four in the third through sixth innings and scored four more in the top of the seventh in a last-gasp rally.

The Eagles replied with four in the third to make it 13-9, five in the fifth, and eight in the sixth to take the lead for the first and only time. As usual, the Eagles combined strong pitching with the league's best defence and offence to remain unbeaten. Shortstop Jim Shelstad and rover Dan Proctor

made many key plays to stop Bazooka rallies. All-Japan short-fielder Toda was equally outstanding making many excellent plays, and the entire All-Japan defence was solid, making only one error after the first inning. Pitcher Takeshita showed fine control giving up only two walks, none until the pivotal sixth inning.

Top hitters for the Eagles were Proctor (triple), Jeff Jugar (double and single, 3 RBIs), Skip Stombaugh (home, 2 singles, 6 RBIs), James Alderman (single, 2 doubles), Alan Burris (double, 2 singles, 4 RBIs), Dave Baer (2 singles, 2 RBIs), and Shelstad (single, home, 3 RBIs). Leading All-Japan were Shiba (triple, single), Toda (triple), Saitoh (3 singles, 2 RBIs), Aoki (3 singles, 2 RBIs), Oka with a perfect day (3 singles, 2 walks, 3 RBIs), and Miyazawa (double, 2 singles, 2 RBIs).

In today's early game, KU ran away from UAS with seven unanswered runs in the first inning, eight in the third, and eight more in the fifth and sixth. KU had 25 hits to the teachers' 11. Leading KU were Jassim Yahia (2 singles, 2 doubles, 2 RBIs), Jassim Yacoub (2 singles, 2 RBIs), Ed Smith (double, 3 singles), Karl Anderson (double, 3 singles, 5 RBIs), Jim Thames (double, triple, 4 RBIs), Mike Anderson



All-Japan's Shiba teeing off in a recent game against the FHWA Falcons (Dave Wetzel catching and KU's O.J. Perkins umpiring).

(double, single, 2 RBIs). Doug Clark (single, double), Mohammed Abu-Jeban (2 singles, 2 RBIs), and Vic Mason (single, double, 3 RBIs). Top hitters for UAS were Lorne Bradt (single, double), Richard Downs (2 singles), and Dave Lamb (2 singles). KU pitcher Clarence Jabs had excellent control on a windy day, walking none, striking out three, and retiring the side in order twice.

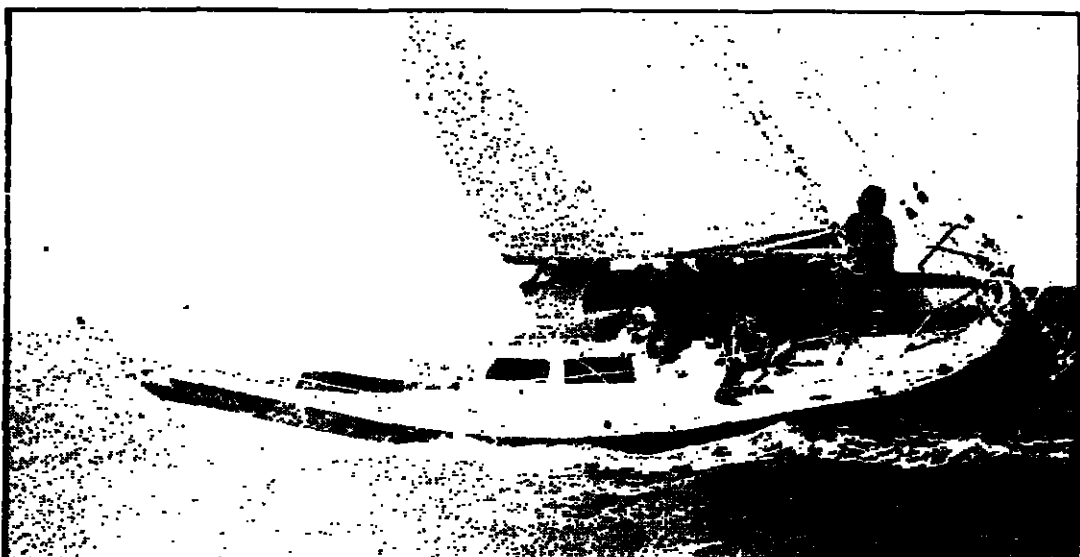
In the day's final game, Kay was short-handed for the second straight week, playing with only three out-fielders, but again won easily. The FHWA Falcons jumped out to a 5-3 first-inning lead but Kay came back with seven in the second and scored in every inning to win going away. FHWA was down only 12-9 after three innings but then ran out of steam

KJSL standings

As of Nov 3

	W	L	RF	RA
Eagles	5	0	40	41
KU	4	1	38	34
KAY	3	2	109	45
UAS	2	3	48	68
Falcons	1	4	45	91
Bazookas	0	5	40	131

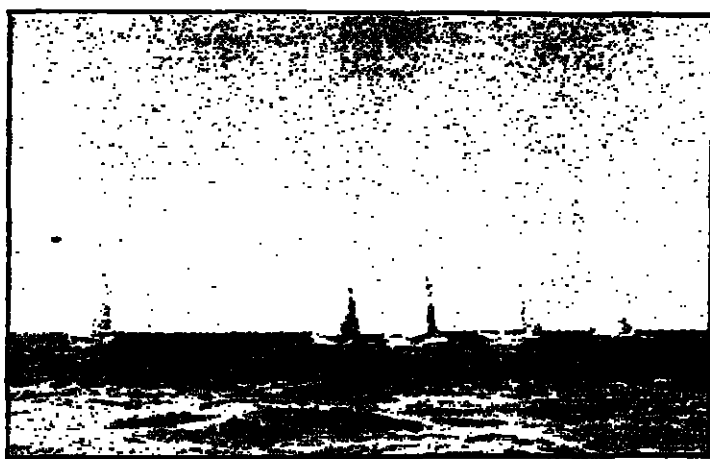
Gambit wins first leg of Ericsson Cup



Gambit: on its way to victory in the first leg



Third place getter, Shammal, beats to windward.



The Kosa fleet jostles for position before the race start.

THE Kosa Winter Series commenced on Friday morning with the staging of cans race WS1. In a top class display, Gambit took both line honours and first place on handicap adjusted time.

The race was also the first instalment of the Ericsson Cup double header. The Swedish telecommunications company, Ericsson, are the official sponsor of races WS1 and WS2.

The Shaab Marina came alive as crews prepared boats and attended the pre-race briefing session. An excellent nine boat turnout and fresh 12 knot North Westerly breezes got the adrenalin flowing in nervous anticipation of the days racing.

Pre-race manoeuvring was a tricky business indeed; nine big yachts tacking, gybing and reaching in a confined space tends to make it so!

The old war-horse Red Viking got into a good position high to wind and crossed the start line first. Gambit gybed and managed to slip by Why Not and squeeze in behind Viking's stern. The UASC yacht Danat crossed the line further downwind with low boat speed.

Most boats elected to tack onto port immediately after the start to take advantage of the flood tide and offshore winds. Gambit was the lone yacht to maintain her course and beat inshore.

Red Viking was first to approach the windward mark but had to go wide as Danat was on the right of way starboard tack. This allowed Gambit to take an inside line and round the mark tightly behind Danat.

The second leg was a downwind to fish cages, located just in front of the Sultan Center. Gambit hoisted her spinnaker immediately after bearing away at the windward mark. She overtook Danat to windward and moved into the outright lead.

Shammal rounded the windward mark about 30 seconds behind the leaders and soon had her kyle up. Magic Flute was a further 30 seconds in arrears.

Gambit and Red Viking were fighting for supremacy? Viking had decided to take a higher course than Gambit which was sailing the more direct rhumb line.

Gambit was able to hold her spinnaker on the same port tack until she reached fish cages. This

enabled her to open up a one minute lead over Danat and Red Viking which had dropped her spinnaker well before the mark.

The third leg was a beat back to ODM (start line) to complete the first triangle. The next two legs were set as a sausage between ODM and the windward mark.

Gambit once again took the inshore starboard tack and rounded the windward mark just seconds ahead of Danat which had gone offshore. The former boat stretched the lead during the run back to ODM as Danat was slow to get her spinnaker flying.

Red Viking had fallen about three minutes behind; Shammal, Magic Flute and Why Not followed.

Whispering, Good Company and Topaz were having a good battle in class 2. It was particularly pleasing to see Topaz (formerly named Sand Castle) join the Kosa fleet for its first race under new Skipper Jehad Al Hajji.

The beat back to the windward mark resulted in Gambit increasing her lead over Danat to about 30 seconds. The Gambit crew once again displayed their finely honed skills and flew their kyle within seconds of rounding the mark. This leg was a broad reach (120 degrees off the wind) and enabled all yachts to fly towards the wind mark under the drive of the 12 knot winds.

Shortly after arriving at the



Red Viking: sailed into second place

wing mark boats hoisted their genoas sails and tripped their spinnakers in preparation for the final leg. The order was Gambit, Danat, Red Viking, Shammal, and Magic Flute.

A shy reach to finish completed the first Winter Series race and the first leg of the Ericsson Cup. Gambit crossed the line one and one-half minutes

ahead of Danat; Red Viking was a further four minutes behind. Handicap adjusted results of WS1 and the first leg of the Ericsson Cup: Class 1: 1st Gambit, 2nd Red Viking, 3rd Shammal, Class 2: 1st Magic Flute, 2nd Danat, 3rd Whispering. Overall: 1st Gambit, 2nd Red Viking, 3rd Shammal, 4th Magic Flute.

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Volleyball semifinals start today

THE semifinals volleyball competition at the Peace and Friendship Games begin today at the Qadisiya Club.

A capacity crowd is expected to turn out to watch what is expected to be a very strong and tough match between Kuwait and Egypt. Kuwait, who topped Group A, won all their three matches without conceding a single set. They beat Saudi Arabia, Comoros and North Yemen. They will heavily depend on Fawzi Matouq, their tallest player to have proved to be one of the best players in the tournament.

But the match, starting at 4.30 pm, is expected to be equally balanced and may go either way. Both teams are equally strong in all departments of the game. Egypt, who were placed in the strong Group B along with Pakistan, the favourites to clinch the title, Tunisia and Benin.

After winning the first set against Pakistan, 15-10, Egypt struggled very hard in the second set of the group match but lost 14-16. They also lost the next two sets and the match. But the Egyptians have proved that they are a strong team when they crushed the strong Tunisia by three straight sets.

The second semifinal starting at 6.30 pm in the same hall, may prove to be less exciting. Pakistan, who produced a very fine display of volleyball and has a number of skilled players, are tipped to outclass Saudi Arabia. The Saudis are however capable of an upset. They won two of their three matches in the preliminaries against Comoros and North Yemen, but lost in straight sets to Kuwait. They came second in their Group A. Pakistan, with their recent Asian success behind them, particularly winning fourth position in the Asian Championship, have a complete team capable of playing both sound defense and offense. Their blocks on the net are perfect and their smashes are unreturnable. They have been tipped by all observers to reach the finals.

Today's programme

Volleyball: semifinals: Kuwait vs Egypt at 4.30 pm.
Pakistan vs Saudi Arabia at 6.30 pm at Qadisiya club.
Handball: Group B: Morocco vs Algeria at 3.00 pm.
Senegal vs Burkina Faso at 4.30 pm at Al Arabi club.
No basketball and soccer games.



Sheikh Fahd presents the Holy Quran to the Iraqi soccer team captain (left) and the Iranian captain (centre) before the start of the match. Extreme right: The Iraqi and Iranian captains exchange flowers.

Jordan, UAE in semis

Cameroon lose decisive match

JORDAN and UAE joined Kuwait and Syria in the semifinals of the basketball competition of the Peace and Friendship Games.

Two decisive matches in Group B were played yesterday in which United Arab Emirates beat Indonesia 99-64 and Jordan thrashed Cameroon 94-69. After losing their opening match against Cameroon, UAE revived their hopes by surprising Jordan 99-78. They then easily overcame Indonesia, who came last in the group, to secure one of the two

berths in the semifinals.

UAE led at half time by a big margin, but the Indonesians played better in the second half and reduced the margin to 35 points. Indonesia were beaten heavily by Jordan 117-66 and Cameroon 112-65. With this result UAE collected 5 points by scoring 258, with 217 against them, the largest number from Cameroon, 75 points.

The second match of Group B was more decisive and exciting. Cameroon entered the match with two wins and four points

while Jordan had only three points from one win and one defeat. Jordan had to beat Cameroon by at least 17 points to qualify for the semifinals, but they did that with 8 points to spare.

After yesterday's results, Cameroon, UAE and Jordan occupied the top position on better points average. They had scored 289 points, the highest in the tournament and had 234 points scored against them, thus having 55 as points difference.

UAE had a points difference of 41 in their favour.

Cameroon came third with the same number of points as Jordan and UAE, but with less points difference. They scored 256 points and had 219 points scored against them, with a difference of 35 points in their favour.

In tomorrow's semifinals, Kuwait will first play UAE and Jordan will take on Syria. Both matches will be very exciting because the standard of all the four teams is nearly the same. Syria, in particular, will be seeking revenge from Jordan, who beat them in Syria in the recently concluded Arab Basketball championship.

In other matches of Group A, played late Sunday night, Kuwait beat Syria 100-83 to become leaders of the group and Syria took second place. In the second match, Bahrain beat Somalia 80-78, in an exciting and balanced match. Bahrain took third place while Somalia was fourth and last. They will now compete for the consolation positions.



The Jordanian basketball team.

Turkey move into handball semifinals

TURKEY yesterday entered the semifinals of the handball competition of the Peace and Friendship Games after beating Palestine 28-14.

Turkey with this victory joins Kuwait in Group A, but in second place. Kuwait won all their three matches in the group.

The first half-score in the Turkey-Palestine match was 11-8. Palestine started the match well and they put up a tough competition. At one stage they were ahead 6-5. They ended the first half with only three goals deficit but this

margin increased in the second half.

Turkey totally dominated the second half scoring 17 goals as against only 6 by the Palestinians. With the result of this match, Kuwait is top of Group A, Turkey in second place, Palestine in third while Mali in last position.

In Group B matches played late Sunday night, Senegal beat Morocco 22-15 after they ended the first half also in their favour 7-6. The Senegalese proved they are one of the best teams in the handball competition. They had

suffered a reverse in their first match when the victory was snatched from them by the Algerians in the dying seconds of the game. Senegal has three points while Morocco has only two from their win against Burkina Faso. Algeria, the other contender for the semifinal berths in this group, also beat Burkina Faso 26-13 to bring their total to three points.

In today's remaining matches, Algeria will play Morocco in a decisive match and the winner will qualify for the semifinal.



Games' objective achieved

By Yawar Maqsood Khalil
Sports Editor

THE Peace and Friendship Games will continue for six more days but the main objective of the Games was achieved on Sunday when Iraq and Iran — who were engaged in war for nearly nine years — met on the soccer field for the first time after the ceasefire.

The national soccer teams of the countries last met in 1974 and later in 1977 the youth teams of both the countries played against each other. But it was on Sunday that these two teams accomplished the goal set by the organisers — peace and friendship.

Before the event started Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, the deputy chairman of the organising committee, said "there is more to just winning or losing in this tournament."

Sheikh Fahd's words seemed to have had an effect on the sportsmen taking part in this tournament for his saying seemed to have been followed on Sunday.

The game had been deemed to be an extremely sensitive one and the referee and linesmen — from Denmark, Belgium and Switzerland — had been specially flown in to ensure neutrality in the match. However, both the sides displayed a level of sportsmanship rarely seen at this level of competition.

The fact that only one player was booked throughout the game speaks of the conduct of both the sides. Throughout the game, players went for the ball and not for each other.

And after the game, the players of both the sides hugged and kissed each other to show that there was no animosity between them. They also took a collective picture before going on to their dressing rooms.

Not only did the players of both the sides put on an excellent show in the field, the fans in the terraces also seemed to be in step with the theme of games "Peace and Friendship."

The match ended in a goalless draw but there was one winner — HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad who sought to promote peace and friendship among the Islamic nations by calling for these Games.

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Sheikh Fahd may be nominated for 'Nobel'

THE chairman of the Lebanese Olympic Committee Tony Khouri said yesterday that he would submit a proposal to the heads of delegations to nominate Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed for the Nobel peace prize.

Khouri said that Sheikh Fahd deserved the prize because of his efforts to promote peace. He was commenting on the football match between Iraq and Iran. He hailed Sheikh Fahd's efforts to bring the match about.

Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, meanwhile, praised the participation of Lebanon in the Peace and Friendship Games. During a meeting with the Lebanese delegation, Sheikh Fahd said that the participation of Lebanon made a very good impression on other countries

because of the difficult conditions Lebanon was passing through. He also praised the good spirit of the Lebanese players.

The head of the Lebanese delegation thanked Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed and hailed the achievements made by Kuwait in all fields. He said that Kuwait has made history under the leadership of HH the Amir who proved that he is the champion of peace. He said that Lebanon can not forget the great services and help offered by Kuwait.

The delegation also invited Kuwait to play a friendly football match in Lebanon. The delegation presented a memorial shield to Sheikh Fahd in appreciation of his great services to sports and sportsmen.



Sheikh Fahd (right) with the Lebanese delegation.

Egyptian praises Games

CAIRO, Nov 6. (Kuna): The chairman of the Egyptian Higher Council for Youth and Sports Abdel Ahad Jamal Al Dein said that the Friendship and Peace Games, currently held in Kuwait, is one of the biggest sports events witnessed by 1989.

He added in a statement to Kuwait News Agency here today that Kuwait, headed by HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah as current chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference, has come up with a very well appreciated initiative when it gathered this big number of youth from the Islamic world.

He said that Kuwait's goal of establishing friendship, love and peace between Muslim countries has been achieved through the participation of 1400 sportsmen from 44 Islamic countries.

He noted that Kuwait's hosting of these Games has brought both Iraq and Iran in one sports field after an absence of more than 12 years. The Egyptian official congratulated HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince, Kuwaiti sports officials and the Kuwaiti people for the success of these games which he described as an honour to Kuwait and all the Arab Islamic world.

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Safety standards

LONDON, Nov 6, (AP): Wimbledon may have to replace traditional standing-room areas with seats on centre court and court No. 1 to meet safety standards that are being re-examined as a result of the Hillsborough soccer stadium crush.

Star strikers

CARDIFF, Nov 6, (UPI): Star strikers Ian Rush, of Liverpool and Manchester United's Mark Hughes will be back in partnership for Wales's World Cup Group Four qualifying match against West Germany in Cologne on Nov 15.

Mass brawl

LONDON, Nov 6, (UPI): English soccer champion Arsenal and weekend opponent Norwich have been charged with bringing the game into disrepute by the Football Association following Saturday's mass brawl involving 21 players.

Former champ

LONDON, Nov 6, (AP): Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson probably will have three more fights before meeting former champ George Foreman, promoter Don King said today.

Bendel quality

ANTANANARIVO, Nov 6, (Reuters): Bendel United FC of Nigeria went through to the final of the African Cup Winners' Cup yesterday after beating Madagascar's football club BFV to a goalless draw in the second leg of their semi-final tie. Bendel won 4-1 in the first leg.

Rugby players

PARIS, Nov 6, (Reuters): Several of France's best known rugby union international players, including Serge Blanco, Pierre Berbizier and Laurent Rodriguez, were among nine players dropped from the national team after Saturday's heavy defeat against Australia.

Women's hockey

NEW DELHI, Nov 6, (Reuters): Results in the 12-nation women's international Cup hockey tournament today. Group A: Japan beat Austria 6-2 (halftime 2-1), India beat Malaysia 9-1 (halftime 4-1).

NFL games

NEW YORK, Nov 6, (Reuters): Results of National Football League (NFL) games played yesterday.

Washington	3	Quebec	0
Buffalo	3	L. Angeles	3
Philadelphia	3	New York	2
Chicago	4	Winnipeg	3
Vancouver	5	Pittsburgh	3

ITF chief

PARIS, Nov 6, (Reuters): International Tennis Federation (ITF) president Philippe Chatrier yesterday defended controversial plans for a \$6m million Grand Slam Cup next year. "The Grand Slam Cup is not a war machine directed at the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) tour," he told a news conference after several leading players had attacked the ITF move.

Lazio fans

ROME, Nov 6, (AP): Police were called in to quell violence by Lazio of Rome fans before and during yesterday's match against Atalanta of Bergamo. At noon a band of Lazio supporters assaulted a group of visiting Atalanta fans in front of the ticket window. Rome police intervened and arrested three Lazio rioters. Two Atalanta fans were hospitalized with minor injuries.

McEnroe fined

PARIS, Nov 6, (AP): John McEnroe was fined \$350 for unsportsmanlike conduct during the Paris Open tennis tournament, the Men's Tennis Council announced yesterday.

Lisbon derby

LISBON, Nov 6, (Reuters): Benfica beat Sporting 1-0 in a thrilling Lisbon soccer derby yesterday while Porto went to the top of the Portuguese First Division with an easy 3-0 win over Braga.

Drug tests

LONDON, Nov 6, (AP): Random drug-testing is to be introduced into English Rugby Union, a national newspaper reported yesterday. The Mail on Sunday quoted English Rugby Union secretary Dudley Wood as saying the tests would be in operation by the end of the current season.

Panova wins

LONDON, Nov 6, (AP): World silver medalist Biana Panova of Bulgaria edged out Oksana Kostina of the Soviet Union to win a women's International Gymnastics Exhibition at London's Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

Horse show

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., Nov 6, (Reuters): Hiro Tomizawa of Japan rode Don Carlos to victory in the \$50,000 Big Apple Grand Prix to close the 106th National Horse Show last night.

Champions' Cup

YAOUNDE, Nov 5, (Reuters): Cameroon's Tonnerre Yaounde and Morocco's Casablanca Raja drew 2-2 (halftime 1-0) in the second leg of their African Champions' Cup soccer semifinal yesterday.

Soccer 'criminal'

ZURICH, Switzerland, Nov 6, (AP): World soccer's governing body, which has suspended Chilean goalkeeper Roberto Rojas for life, accused him today of attempting the sport's biggest swindle and called Chile's conduct "criminal." FIFA, the international soccer federation, sanctioned Rojas last month after he retracted claims he was hurt by a signal flare thrown from the stands during a Sept. 3, World Cup qualifier at Brazil. Chile abandoned the match, saying its safety was endangered.

Ghanaian retains world title

Nelson KO's McDonnell



Nelson sends McDonnell to the floor in the 12th round. (Reuters wirephoto)

LONDON, Nov 6, (Reuters): Azumah Nelson of Ghana knocked out Britain's Jim McDonnell yesterday to retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) super-featherweight title, quelling a courageous challenge just 80 seconds before the fight was due to end.

McDonnell, who had given his all in spirit and bravery, finished flat on his back in the 12th and final round and remained on the canvas for several minutes.

Nelson, who had floored the Briton with a blistering left hook to the chin in the fifth round, dropped McDonnell for the second time with another left and a follow-up combination.

American referee Joe Cortez might have stopped the bout then, but McDonnell rose shakily at nine only to walk into one more left hook which spelled the end.

Nelson closed the challenger's right eye in the 11th round but McDonnell battled on, his face spattered with blood, in a brave but vain effort to preserve his record of never being stopped in

a fight.

Nelson, who had flattened Pat Cowdell inside a round when he made his last British world title defence in 1985, had a tougher time against McDonnell in his 13th world title fight and fourth defence of the super-featherweight crown.

The Ghanaian, undefeated in seven years, appeared headed for a swift victory when he dumped McDonnell in the fifth round. But the Briton drew on great reserves of fitness and spirit and produced a superb 10th round in which he pinned the champion against the ropes for more than a minute.

Nelson, however, quickly regained control and submitted McDonnell to only his second beating following a points defeat against World Boxing Association (WBA) champion Brian Mitchell of South Africa a year ago.

McDonnell's manager Barry Hearn said: "Jim has gone to hospital for a preliminary check-up and will stay in overnight as a precaution."

Maradona flies home in style

ROME, Nov 6, (Reuters): Rags to riches soccer star Diego Maradona hired a jumbo jet to fly him home to Argentina yesterday to marry his childhood sweetheart — and kept it waiting for nearly an hour.

About 200 guests flying to the lavish wedding from Italy were already on board the Aerolineas Argentinas Boeing 747 for the flight to Buenos Aires when the Argentine World Cup captain arrived at Rome airport 50 minutes after the plane was due to leave.

"I'm tired," was the temperamental player's only comment as police hustled him past journalists and fans and through the customs area.

But Maradona, whose skill with a ball has taken him from the slums of Buenos Aires to a world of wealth, said in Naples that next Tuesday's church marriage to his common-law wife Claudia Villafane would help him over his latest row with Italian League leaders Napoli.

"My sadness is destined to disappear because on Tuesday I'm getting married," he said. "It is a day Claudia and I have desired for a long time and certainly I can't help but smile."

Maradona, 29, and taxi driver's daughter Villafane, 28, already have two daughters. They have invited 1,200 guests, including Argentine President

Carlos Menem, to the wedding party in Buenos Aires' Luna Park boxing stadium.

"It's going to be a great party, as it always is when Diego throws one," said Italian-based Argentine soccer player Pedro Troglia, who was among guests checking in at Rome airport.

"He's about the only person who can afford to do something like this."

Maradona and Villafane met in a Buenos Aires tenement nearly 13 years ago, just after the stocky midfielder began a professional career which has since reaped him the World Cup crown in 1986 and the Italian League title with Napoli the following year.

He long maintained that his relationship needed no marriage certificate but now says he wants to stop tongues wagging "behind Claudia's back because she supposedly lives in sin with me."

His relations with Napoli have soured this season and on Wednesday another row flared when the side banned him from playing in their UEFA Cup tie against Swiss club Wettingen for missing training.

"I will not be able to forget what has happened in the past few days," he said after returning to the side yesterday for Napoli's 3-2 League win against Lecce.

Napoli team-mates, club officials, Italian-based Argen-



Diego Maradona with Claudia.

tine players and Italian show business stars were among guests on the chartered jumbo.

It was also due to stop in Madrid to pick up more guests including soccer-playing brother Hugo — with Maradona footing the bill for the journey and their stay in Buenos Aires.

Platt in England squad for friendly

LONDON, Nov 6, (Reuters): Aston Villa striker David Platt was called into the England soccer squad today for a friendly against World Cup hosts Italy, less than 24 hours after starring in a 6-2 demolition of Everton.

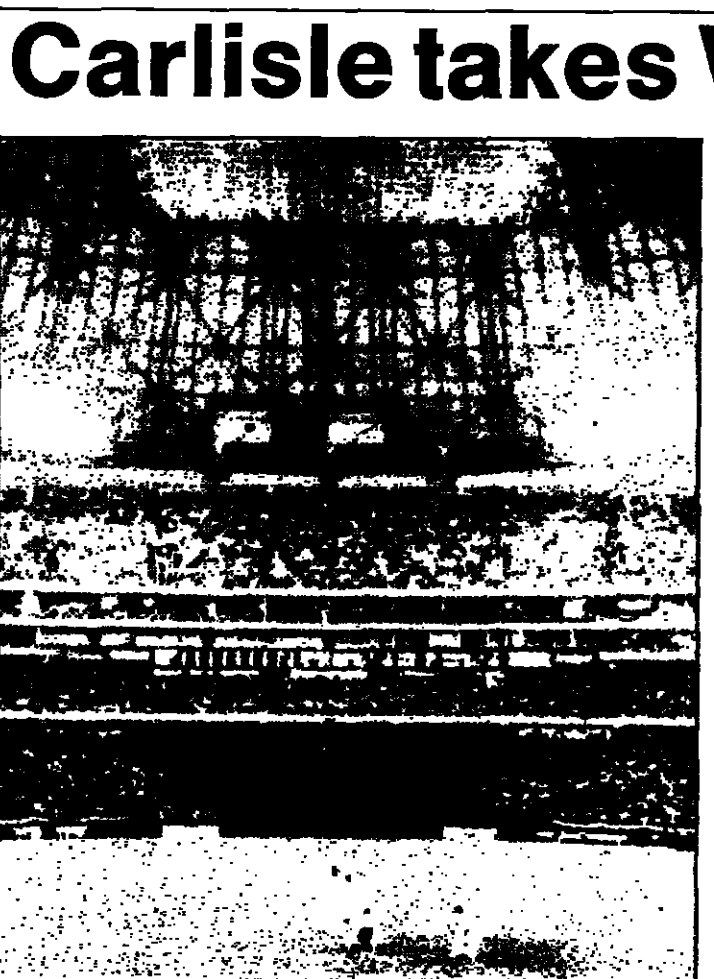
The former under-21 international, plucked last year by Villa from Fourth Division Crewe, was promoted to the senior squad after scoring two goals against Everton.

Arsenal left back Nigel Winterburn was another newcomer named by England manager Bobby Robson for the November 15 clash at Wembley.

Derby centre half Mark Wright returned to the fold, having won the last of his 22 caps against the Netherlands during England's disastrous European Championship finals in West Germany last year.

Squad:

Peter Shilton, Chris Woods, David Beasant, Gary Stevens, Terry Butcher, Des Walker, Stuart Pearce, Mark Wright, Nigel Winterburn, Bryan Robson, Michael Phelan, Steve Hodge, Steve McMahon, David Rocastle, Gary Lineker, Peter Beardsley, Chris Waddle, John Barnes, David Platt.



The game in progress in the indoor stadium. (Reuters wirephoto)

TORONTO, Nov 6, (Reuters): West Indies beat a rest of the World XI by 11 runs in a 50-over one-day international cricket match, the first to be held in an indoor stadium.

They scored 228 all out in 39.5 overs then bowled out the Rest with four overs to spare in a match that could have gone either way throughout the day.

It was a far cry from the village green, with more than 40,000 fans bellowing support under the soaring roof of Toronto's Sky Dome, which is the home of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team.

Outside it was a chilly five degrees Celsius (41 Fahrenheit). Inside it was as hot and feverish as a Caribbean carnival, noisy and good-humoured.

But it was a disappointingly low scoring match. The artificial turf was fast and true and the slightest touch carried to the boundary. But both sides complained that the wicket, carpet laid on plywood over the stadium concrete, was too spongy.

Even fast balls stopped and sighed rather than following through, robbing batsmen of the pace which make for easy cuts and smashes into the rafters. Only Carlisle Best among the West Indian batsmen opened his

Buck Sands defeat H & E

BUCK SANDS emerged winners by 6 matches to 4 in the interclub golf competition held at the Hunting and Equestrian, Golf Club on Friday.

The match was arranged in a four-ball match play contest. It was closely fought to the last hole with the lead changing hands several times right to the very end. The final foursome gave Buck Sands the winning edge of 6 to 4 with one club halved.

Hunting and Equestrian Golf Club salvaged some honour by winning all the side competition when Adrian Asaf won the longest drive for men on the par 4 sixth, his booming drive crossed the road and landed 300 yards away, while Eileen Watters was the winner of the longest drive for the ladies.

Nearest to the pin contest for men was won by the ever consistent K.H. Chung on the 18th hole. For the ladies, Sigrid Swires was once again a winner on nearest to the pin contest.

A Stableford competition was held for those players who were not able to be in the interclub match.

The winner was Peter van Thiel on a count-back with K.E. Lee when both players carded 36 points. In the third place, H.S. Lee carded 34 points.

Maleeva edges Reggi

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov 5, (Reuters): Top seed Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria successfully defended her title at the \$100,000 Indianapolis tennis tournament yesterday with a 6-4 6-5 win over third seed Raffaella Reggi of Italy.

The victory, Maleeva's second consecutive title, was especially sweet for the 14th-ranked 20-year-old, because she had to undergo surgery earlier this year. "I can't tell you how happy I am," Maleeva said. "In the beginning of the year there was a chance that I might never play tennis again, and now I've won my second tournament in three weeks."

Reggi also achieved a victory despite her defeat. By reaching the final, the 23-ranked Italian qualified for the elite 16-player season-ending tournament in New York later this month.

Maleeva, usually a strict baseliner, jumped out to a 3-0 first set lead with the help of several unexpected trips to the net, but Reggi fought back to 3-3.

Maleeva broke for 5-3 but committed three unforced errors including a double-fault to lose her serve in the ninth game.

The breaks continued as Maleeva captured Reggi's serve again in the next game on a forehand winner take the set.

The second set was virtually a replay of the first, as both players traded early service breaks until Maleeva broke for 5-3, only to double-fault on game point.

Serving at 4-5, Reggi had three game points but failed to hold serve as Maleeva outslugged the Italian in a long baseline rally on match point.

Reggi, who has not won a title since 1987, was not disappointed by her result.

"I got into New York and I am playing my best tennis of the year," she said.



Ikangaa raises his hands in victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ikangaa sets record

NEW YORK, Nov 6, (Reuters): Tanzania's Juma Ikangaa swept to a course record and Ingrid Kristiansen of Norway claimed victory in the women's division of the 20th New York City marathon yesterday.

Ikangaa ran down his reputation as a perennial bridesmaid who fades down the stretch by knocking 12 seconds off the previous New York record with a two hour eight minute one second performance, the fastest marathon time run this year.

World record holder Kristiansen also claimed her first New York marathon but missed the women's course record by one second with a time of 2:25:30. Allison Roe of New Zealand set the course standard of 2:25:29 in 1981.

"I was feeling easy and real strong. I could have gone another five miles after the finish," said a fresh looking Ikangaa, 32, who credited high altitude training in Colorado as the key to his runaway win.

American Ken Martin held off the last mile surge of Olympic gold medalist Gelindo Bordin of Italy to claim second place in 2:09:38. Bordin was third in 2:09:40, ahead of last year's



Kristiansen waves after winning the race. (Reuters wirephoto)

second place finisher Salvatore Bettiol of Italy, who clocked 2:10:08.

Kristiansen, who won April's Boston marathon, ran virtually alone for the entire street tour under perfect conditions of overcast skies and 50 (10C) degree temperatures.

Queensland claim full points

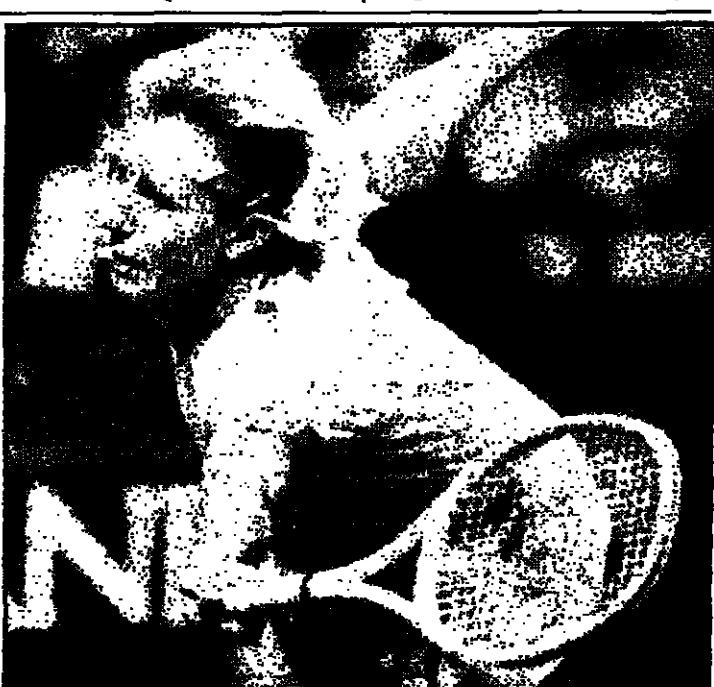
BRISBANE, Nov 6, (Reuters): Queensland claimed a full six points in their Sheffield Shield cricket victory over South Australia today.

Queensland, needing 213 runs to win, wrapped the match up an hour and a quarter before scheduled stumps on the final day, with six wickets in hand.

Openers Peter Cantrell and Rob-

bie Kerr set up the victory with a magnificent 173 stand. Kerr was dismissed for 86 and Cantrell followed after tea for 85.

Captain Greg Ritchie was bowled out for two, Stuart Law caught behind for one, leaving Test skipper Allan Border and all-rounder Brad Hogg to steer Queensland home.



Navratilova stretches as she completes a forehand volley return. (Reuters wirephoto)

Navratilova takes title

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov 6, (Reuters): Top-seed Martina Navratilova continued her domination of Zina Garrison by claiming her sixth title of the year with a 6-3 6-3 win at the \$300,000 New England tennis tournament yesterday.

Navratilova, who holds a 26-1 career advantage over the fifth-ranked American, played sensational tennis all week in winning this tournament for the fifth time.

The second-ranked Navratilova, who collected \$60,000 for her efforts, cruised through the tournament without dropping a set and was never seriously challenged by any of her opponents.

Following the win over the third-seeded Garrison, Navratilova teamed up with Pam Shriver to claim the doubles title.

"I had a great time in the final," said Navratilova, 33, adding, "If you can't enjoy the finals, you have a problem."

"The pressure's off and you just go out there and show your stuff. If it's good enough, that's great. And if it's not, I tip my hat to my opponent and say well done."

Navratilova took exactly one hour to down the speedy Garrison in the serve and volley battle.

Garrison never had a chance in the first set as Navratilova broke in the third and seventh games.

She did have opportunities in the second set, but failed to convert five break points as Navratilova came up with winners when she needed them.

BRIDGE

THE Sheraton Bridge Club held its Team of Four bridge game on Friday. The results were as follows:

1st team: Sheraton Bayoumi (team captain), Adel Bayoumi, Ravi Bhatti and Durbha Mukerjee.

2nd team: Mohammed Merchant (team captain), Mohammed Zafaruddin, Nissar Khan and Ikramul Haque.

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